

# EV Charging Infrastructure Usage in Large-scale Charging Infrastructure Demonstrations: Public Charging Station Case Studies for ARB

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- 890 square mile site with 4,000 staff
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  - Increase U.S. energy security and reduce the nation's dependence on foreign oil
- Multi-program DOE laboratory
  - Nuclear Energy
  - Fossil, Biomass, Wind, Geothermal and Hydropower Energy
  - Advanced Vehicles and Battery Testing
  - Homeland Security and Cyber Security



INL is a primary partner in two national electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure demonstrations

## The EV Project

- Purpose is to build mature EV charging infrastructure in 17 US regions and study:
- Infrastructure deployment process
- Customer driving and charging behavior
- Impact on electric grid
- 12,000+ AC level 2 charging units, 100+ DC fast chargers
- 8,000+ Electric drive vehicles
- INL data collection Jan 2011 – Dec 2013
- Project partners:

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## ChargePoint America

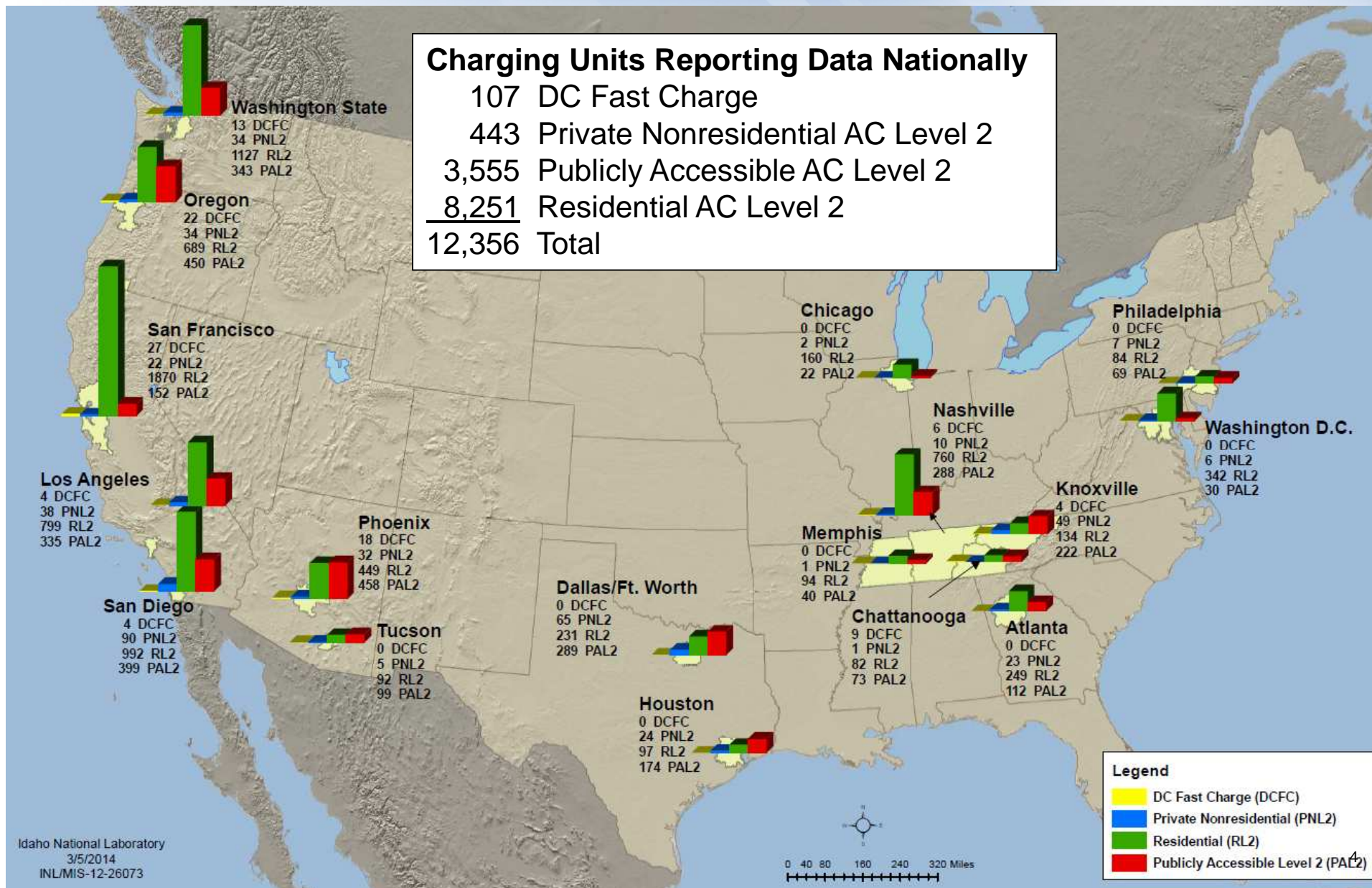
- Deploy 4,700+ residential and public AC level 2 charging units in 11 US regions
- Study customer usage of residential and public infrastructure
- INL data collection May 2011 – Dec 2013

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# Infrastructure Deployment in The EV Project through December 2013

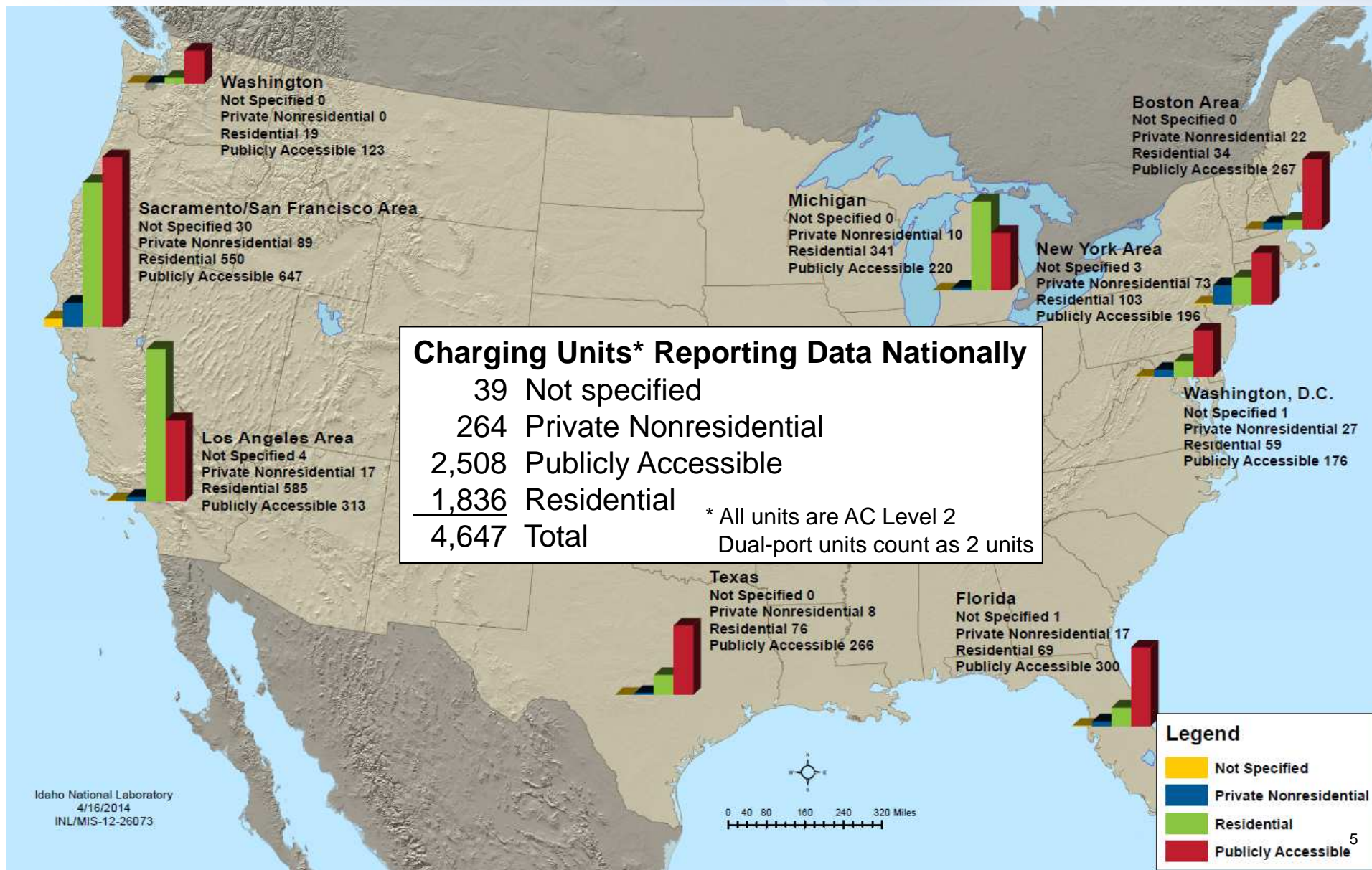
## Charging Units Reporting Data Nationally

107 DC Fast Charge  
 443 Private Nonresidential AC Level 2  
 3,555 Publicly Accessible AC Level 2  
8,251 Residential AC Level 2  
 12,356 Total





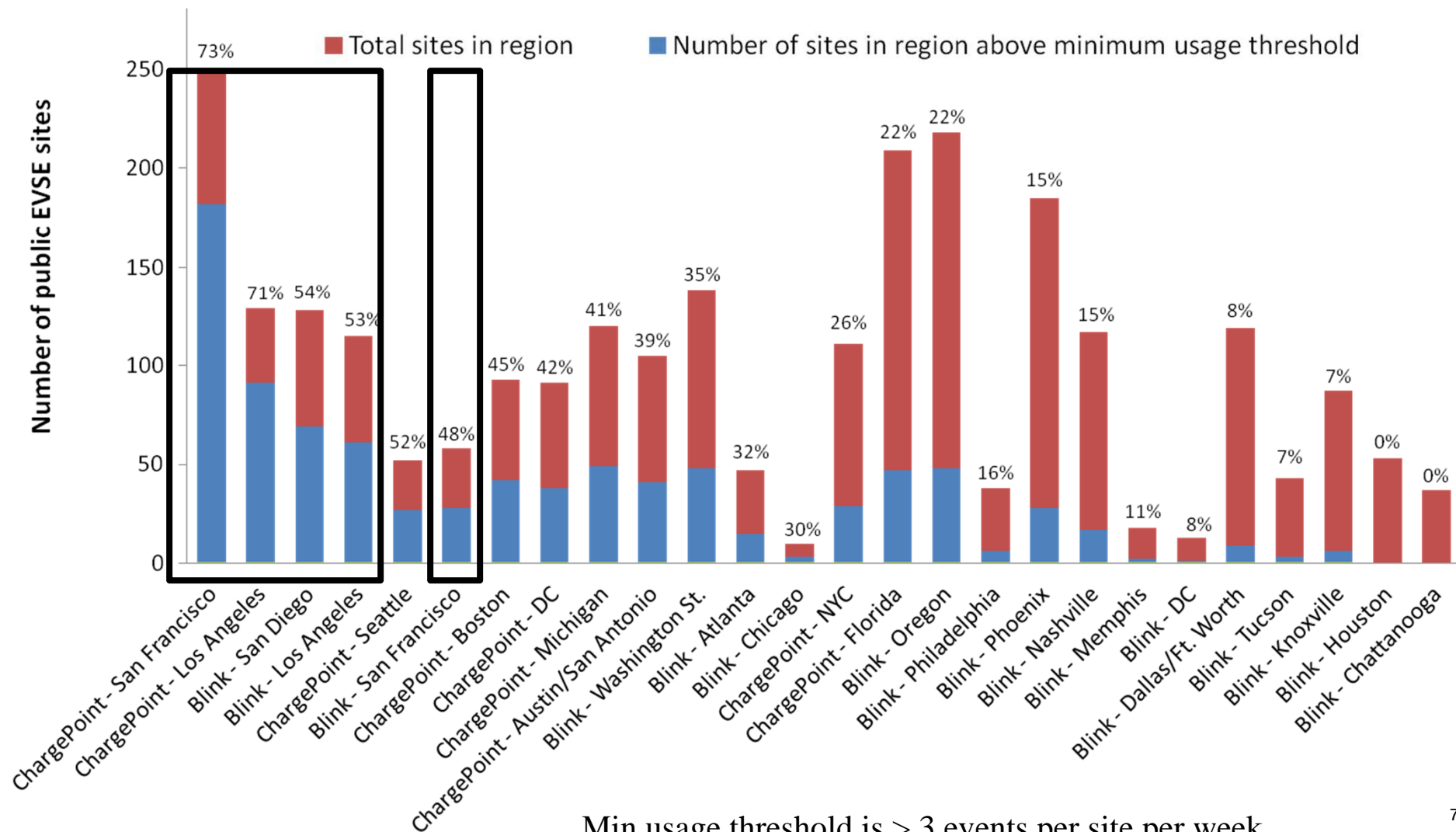
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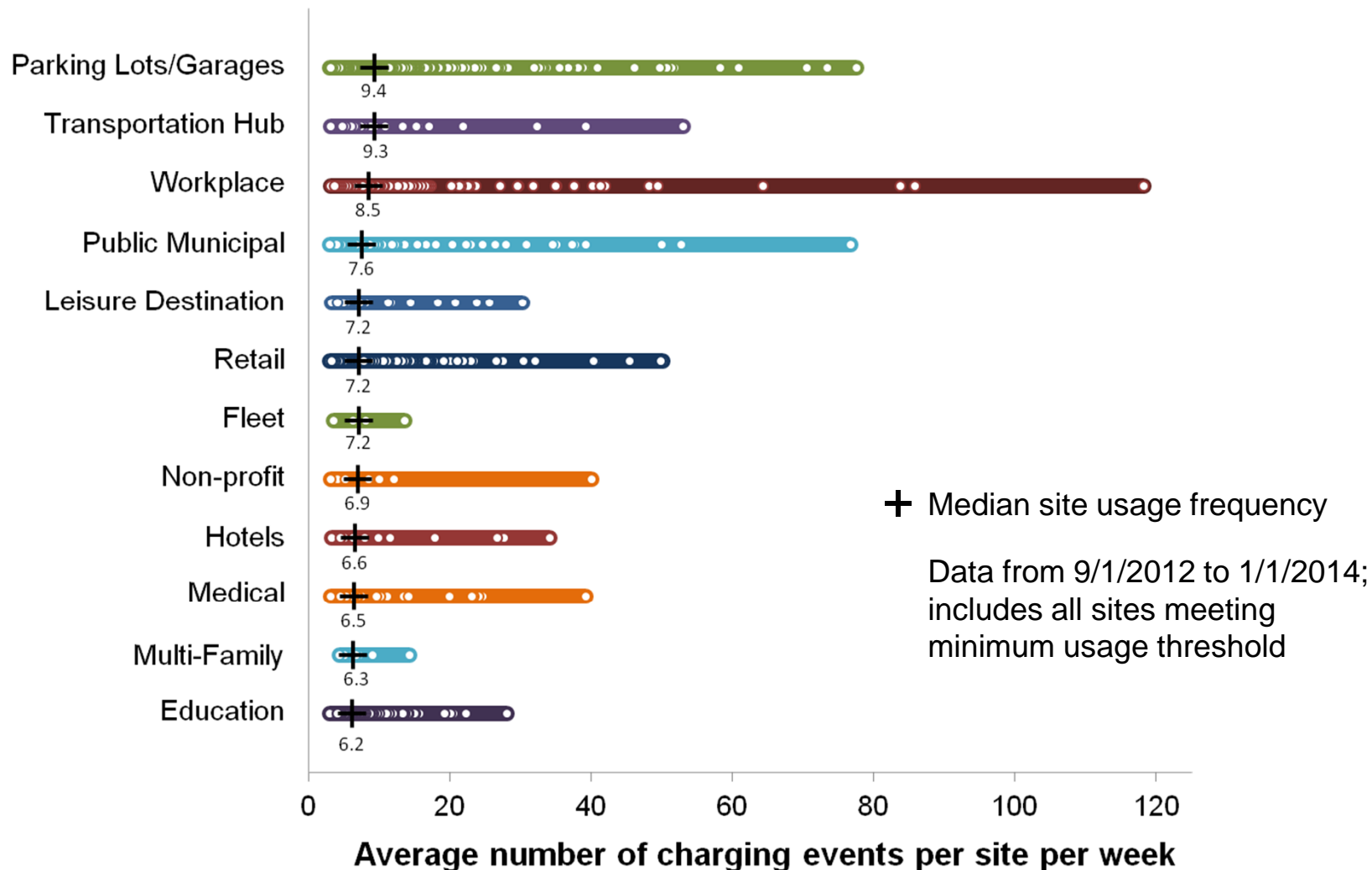
## Outline

- Which stations are used most frequently?
  - By region and EVSE make
  - By charging level and venue
- Determining hot spots using vehicle data
  - Bay Area examples
- I5 Corridor EVSE usage preview

## Public EVSE Sites Exceeding Minimum Usage Threshold by Region and EVSE make

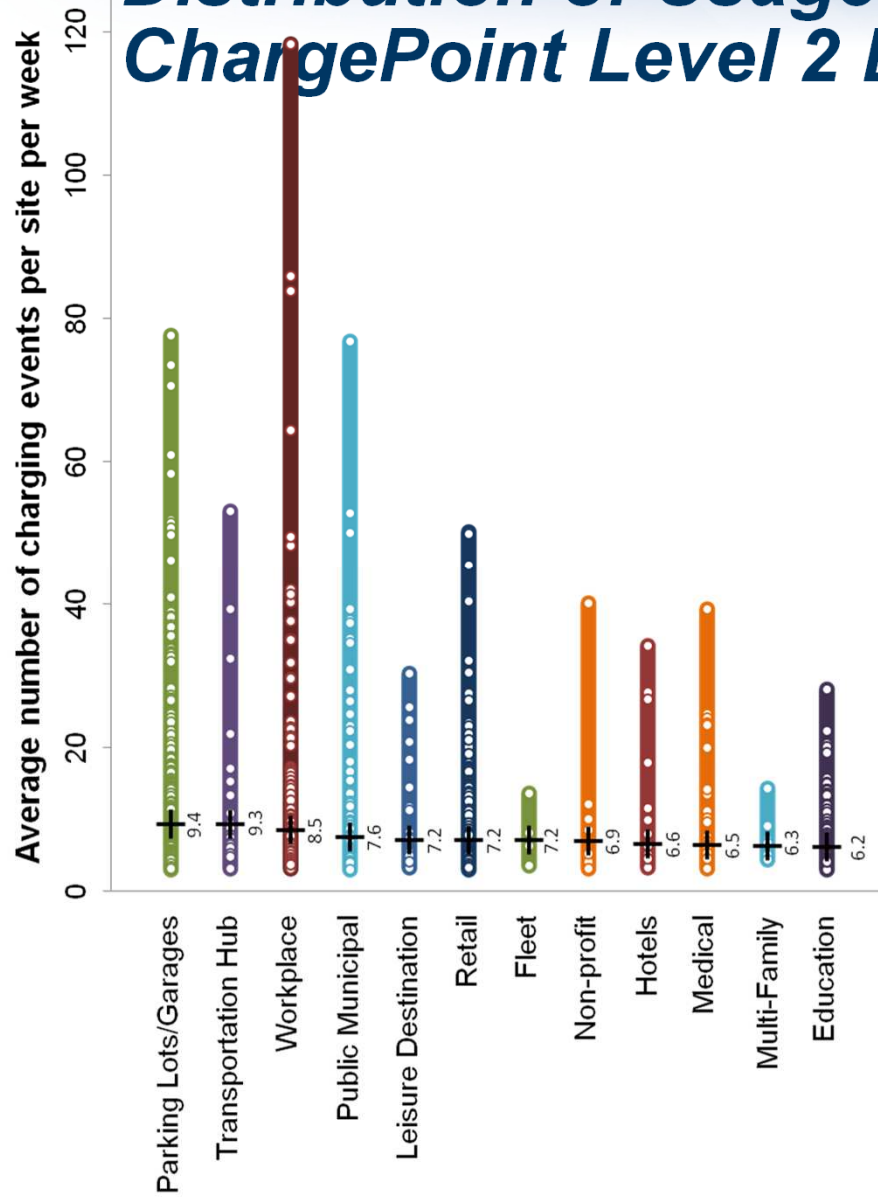


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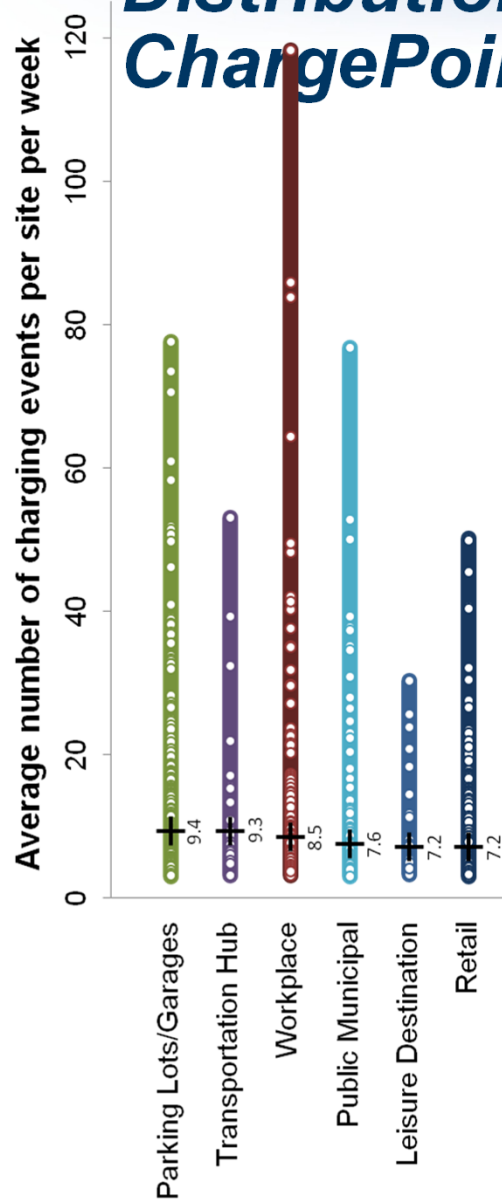




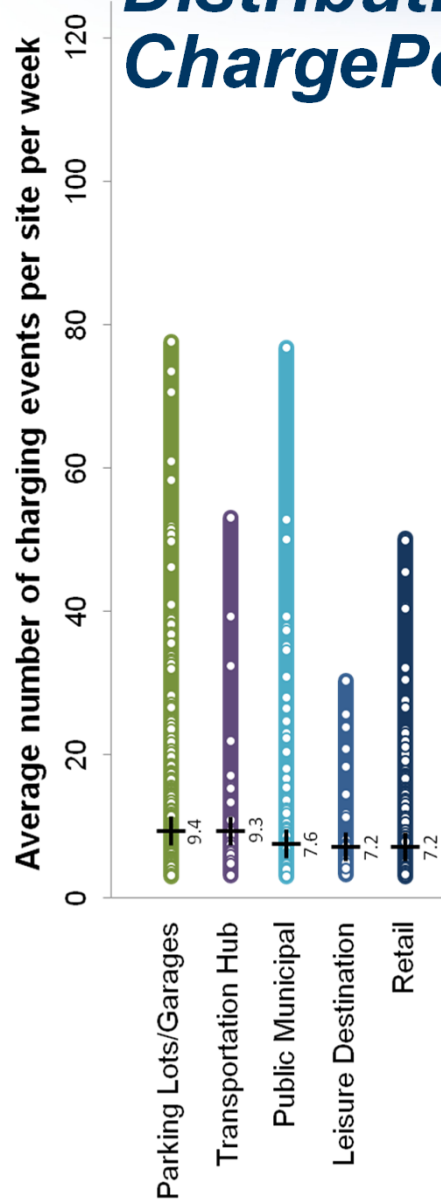
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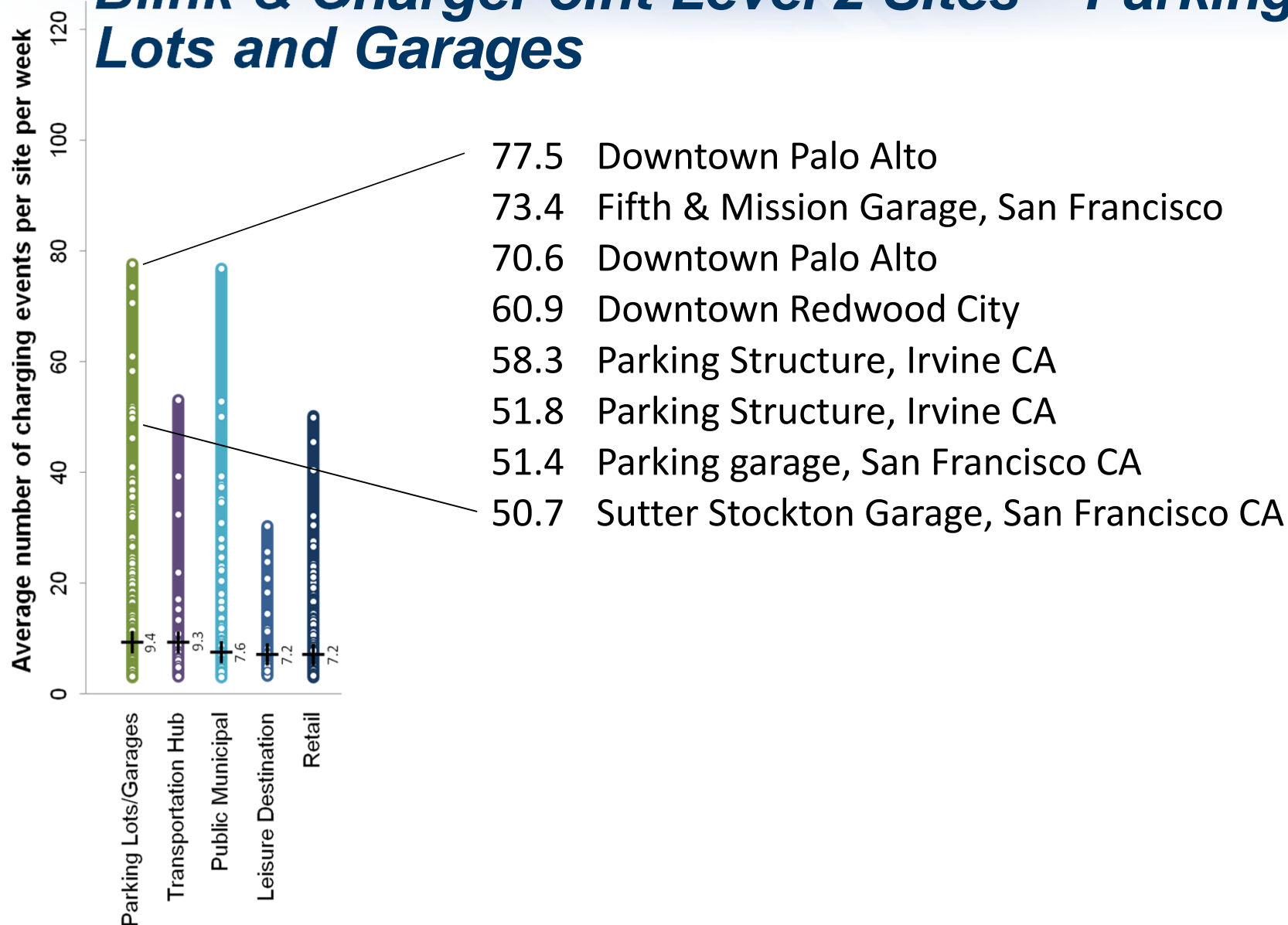
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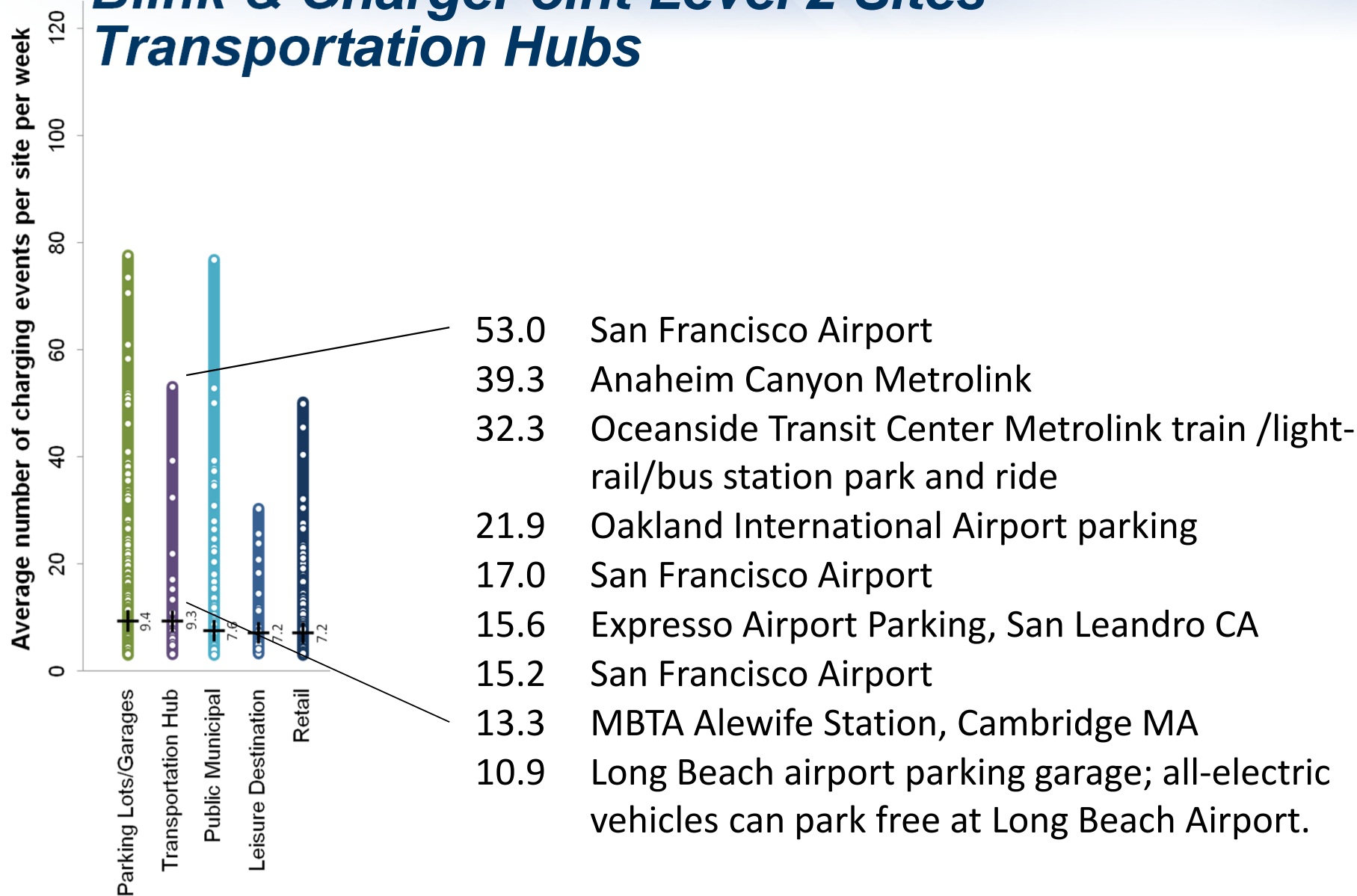


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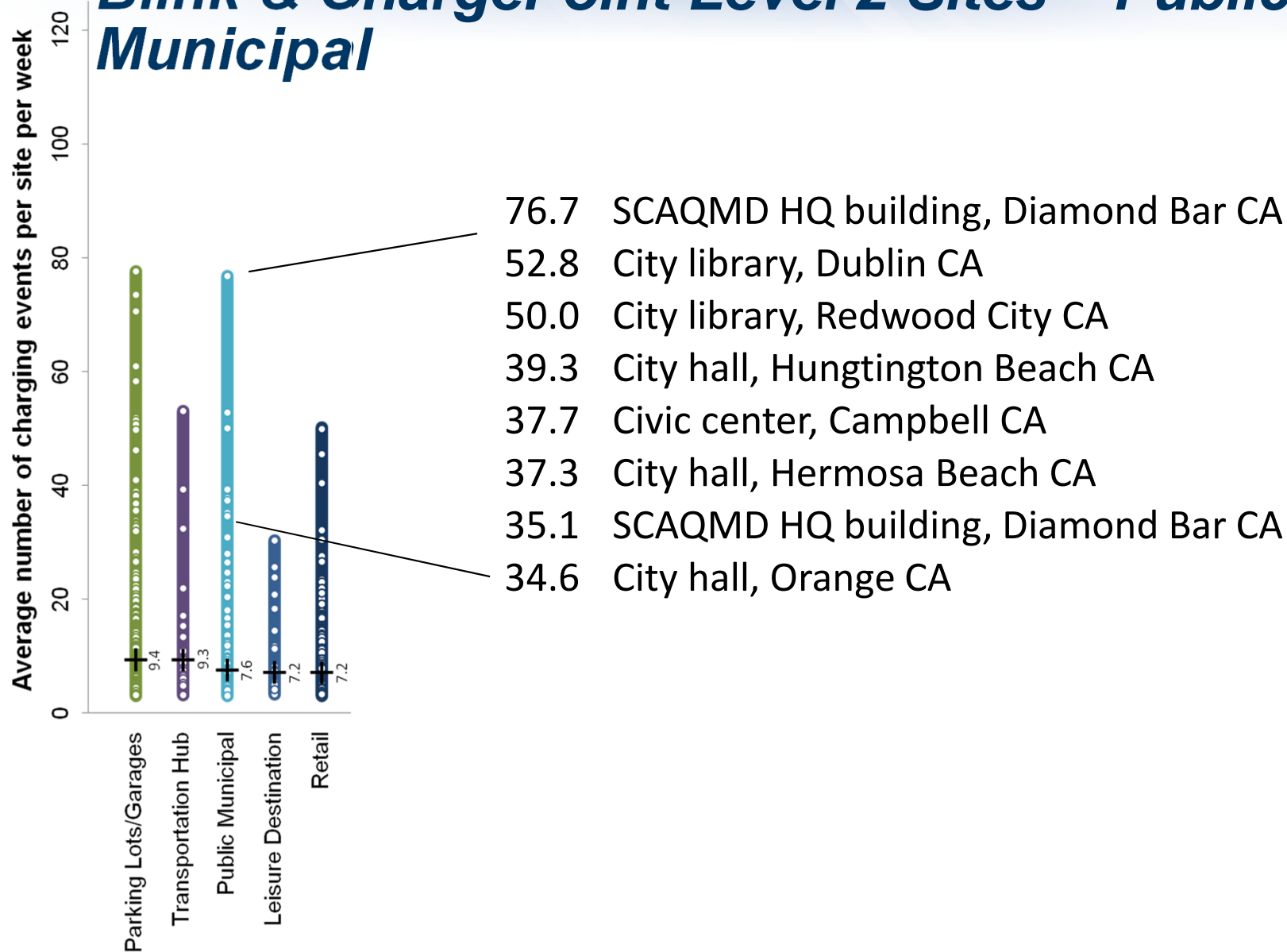




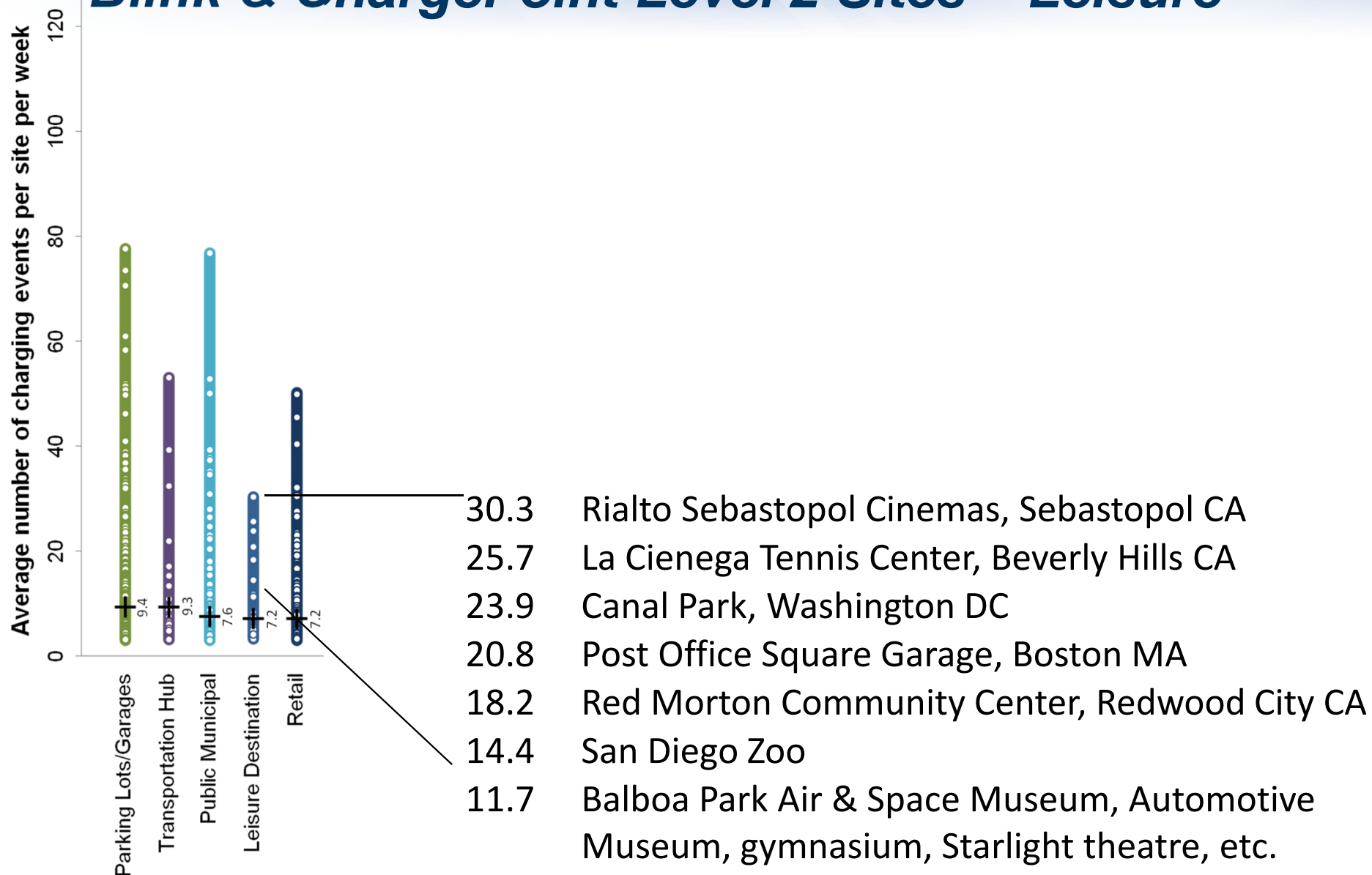
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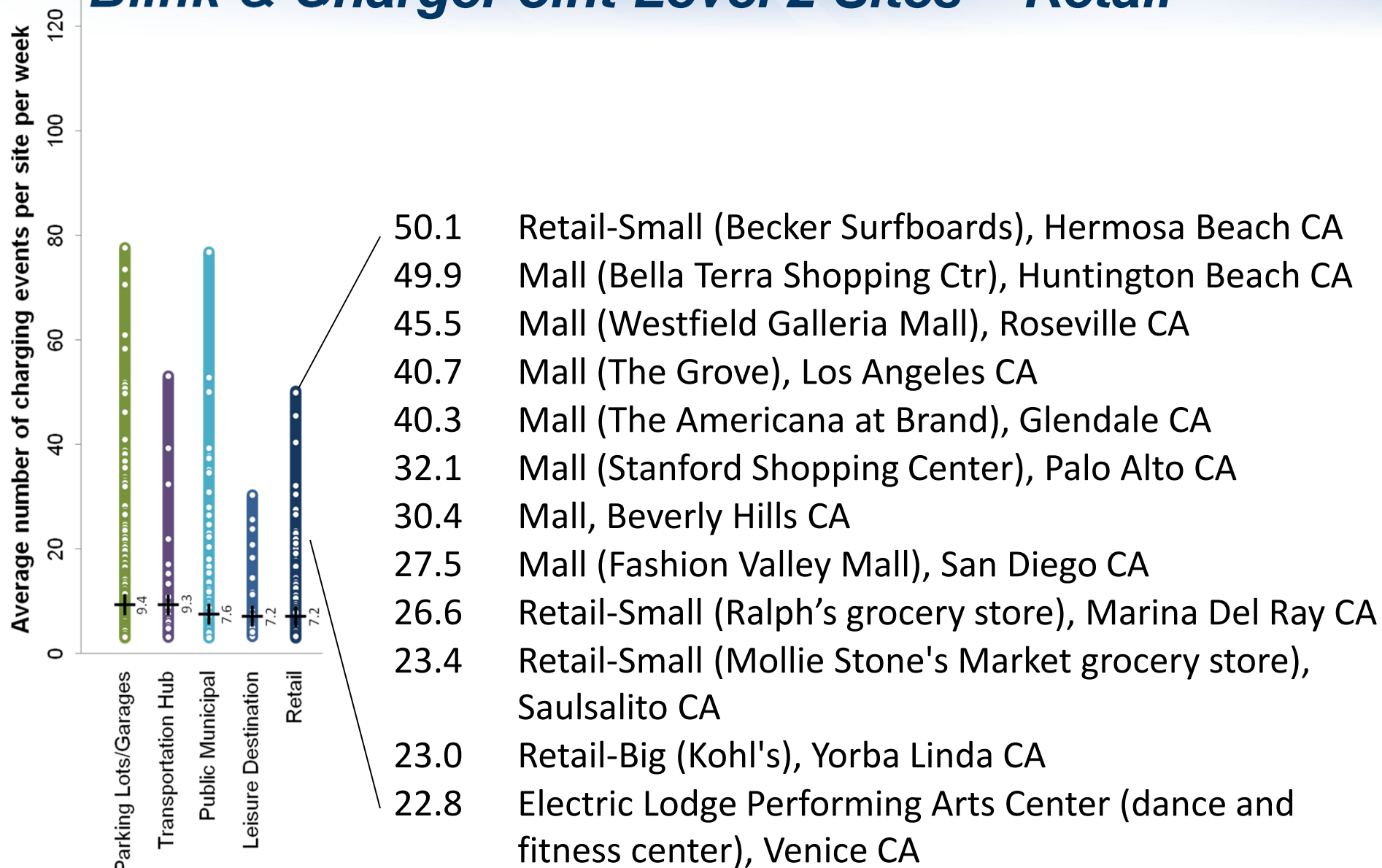
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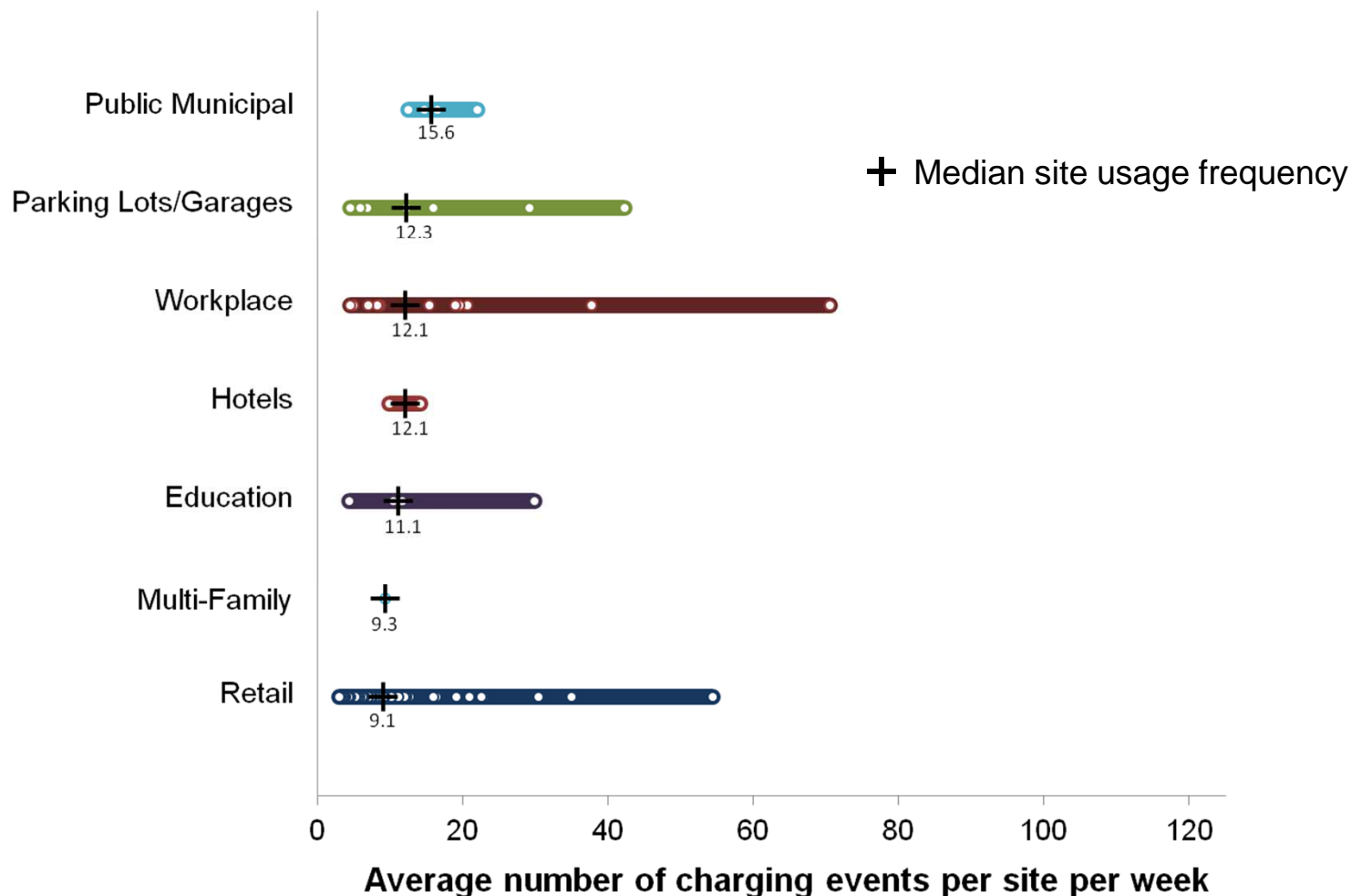


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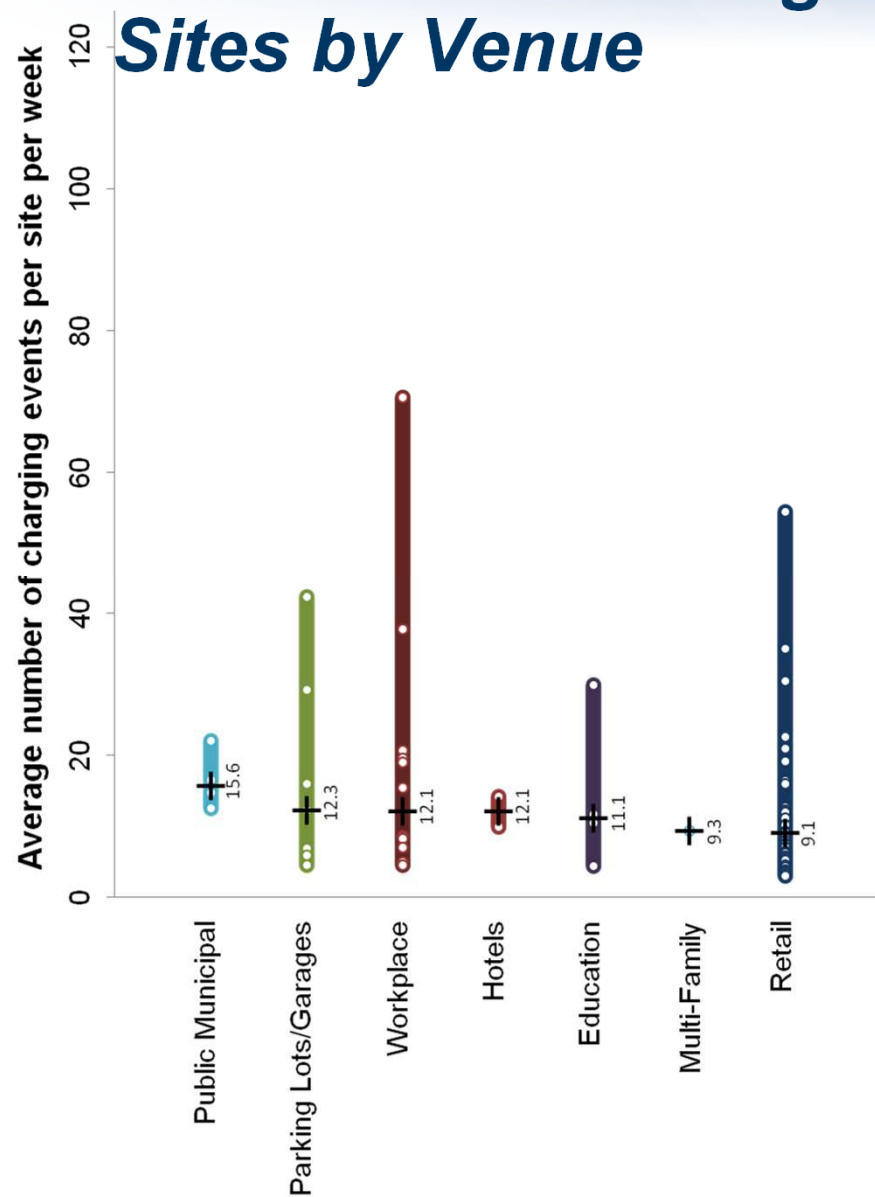


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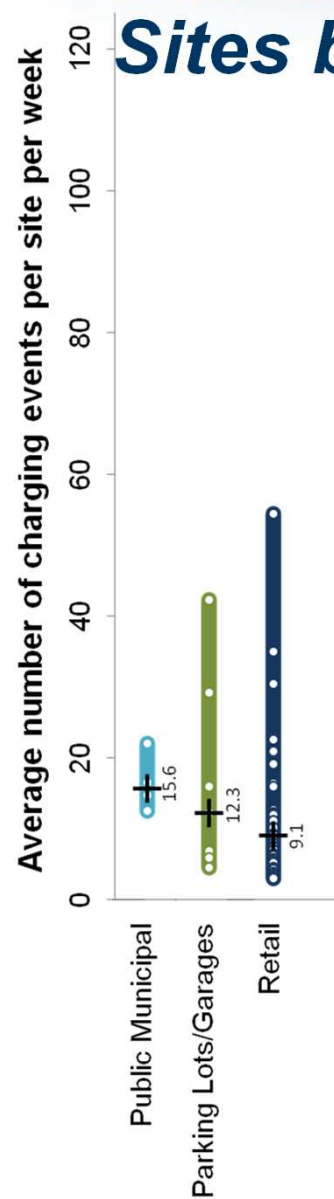


8/1/2013 to 1/1/2014 (after Blink network fees were instituted)

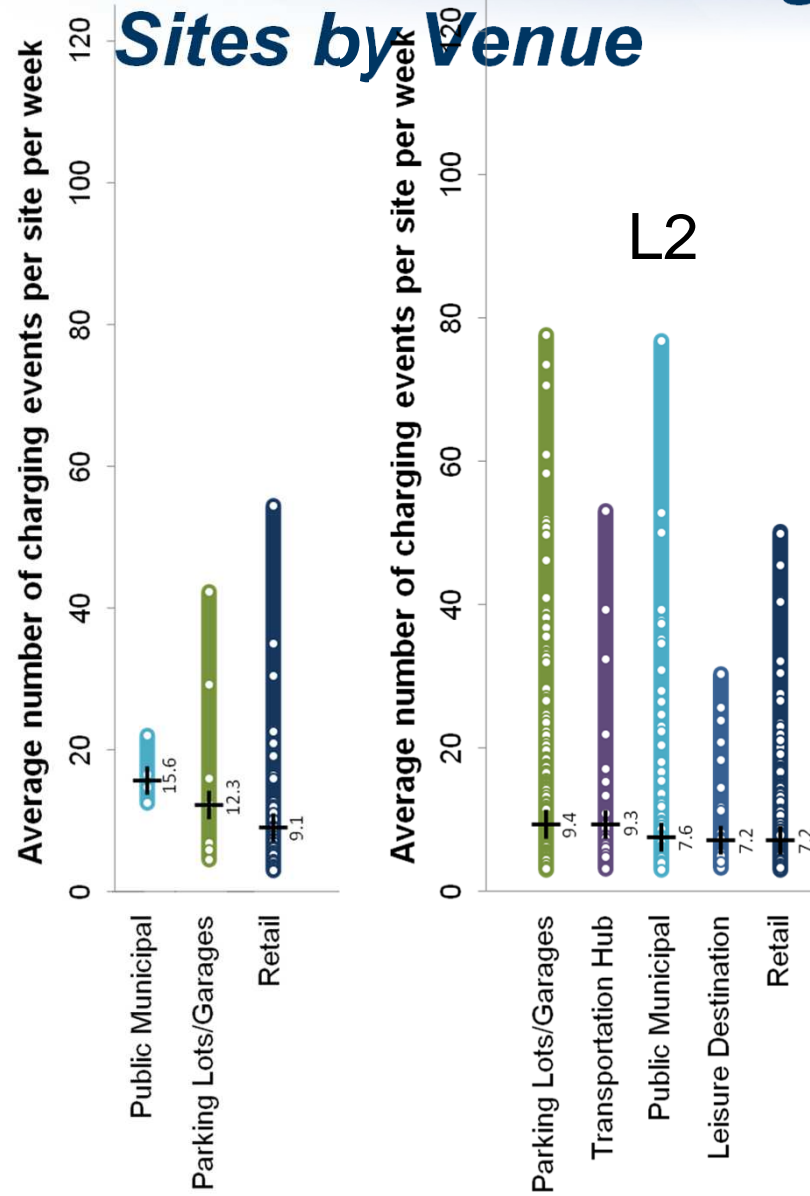
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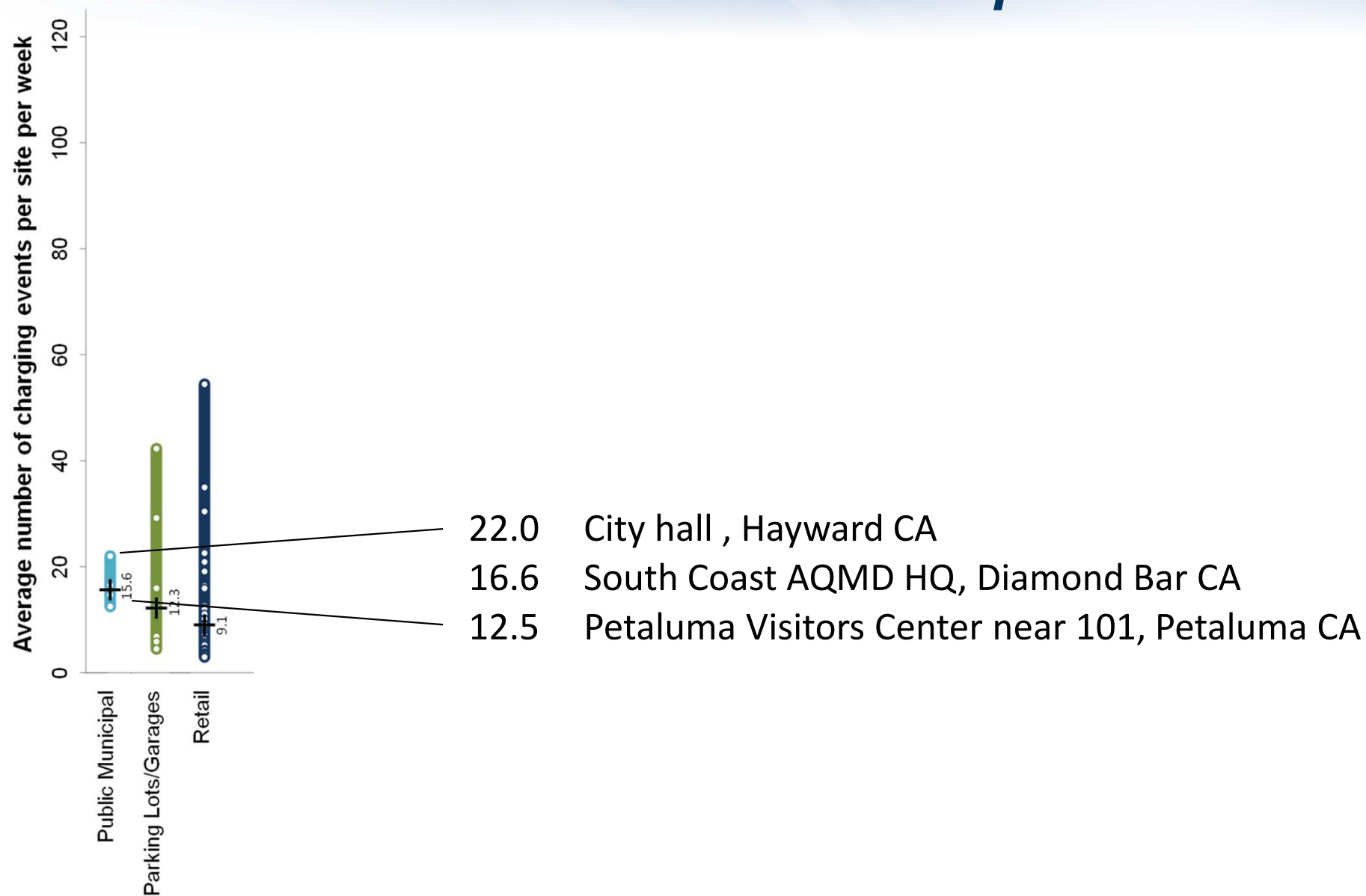


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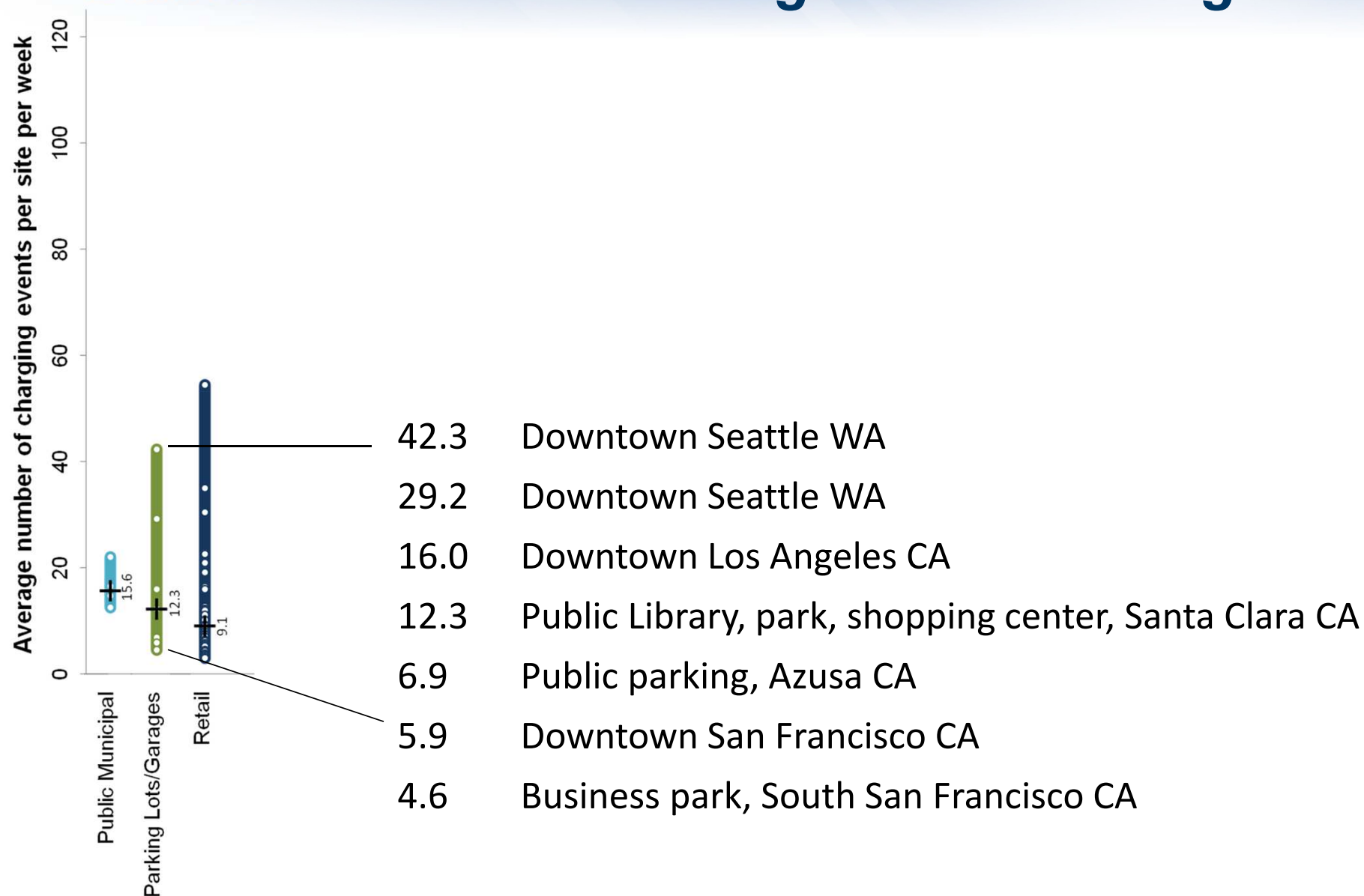




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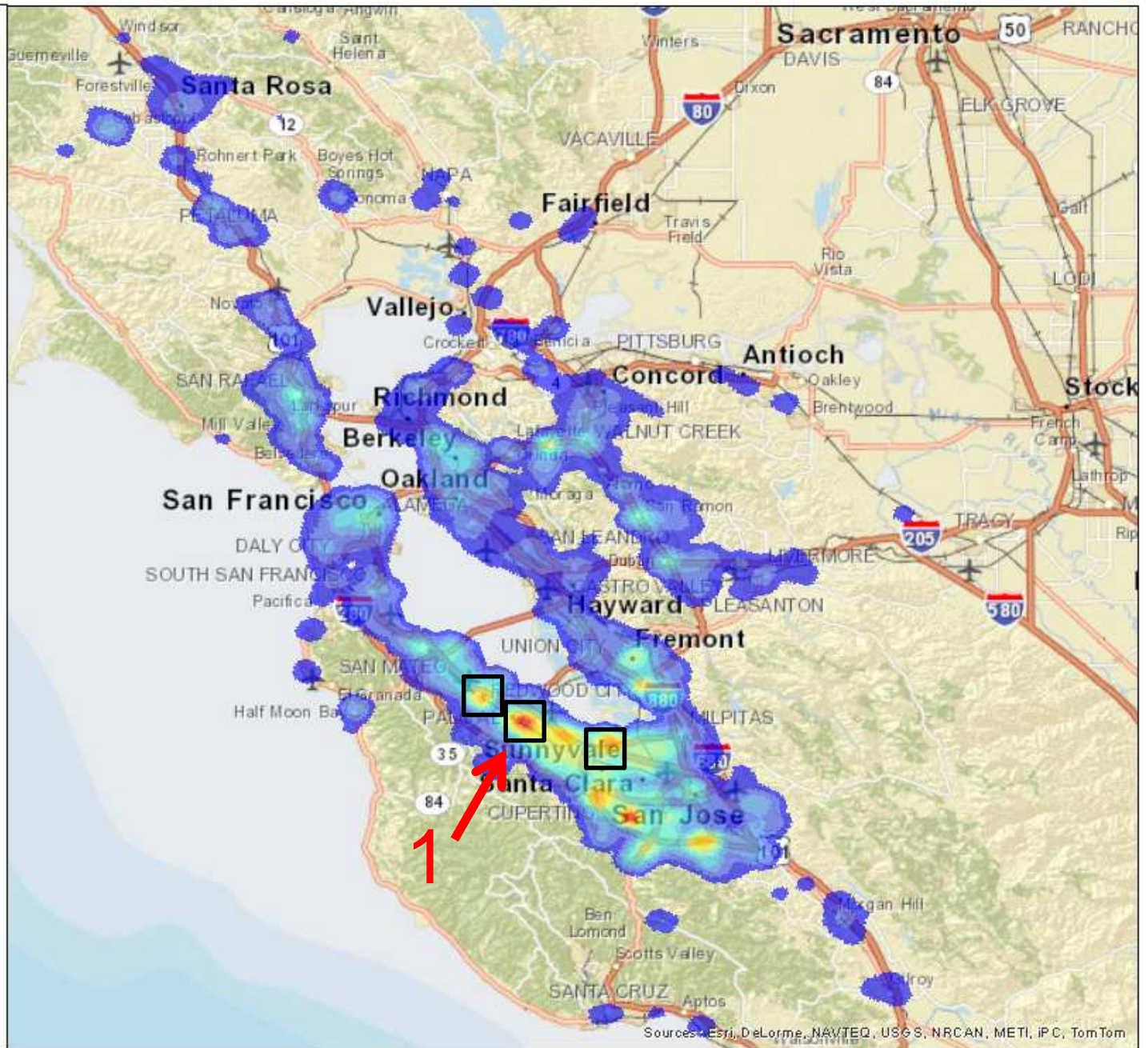


## ***Identifying Hot Spots Using Vehicle Data***

- EV Project Leaf away-from-home parking location density in San Francisco Bay Area
- Cumulative through the end of 2013

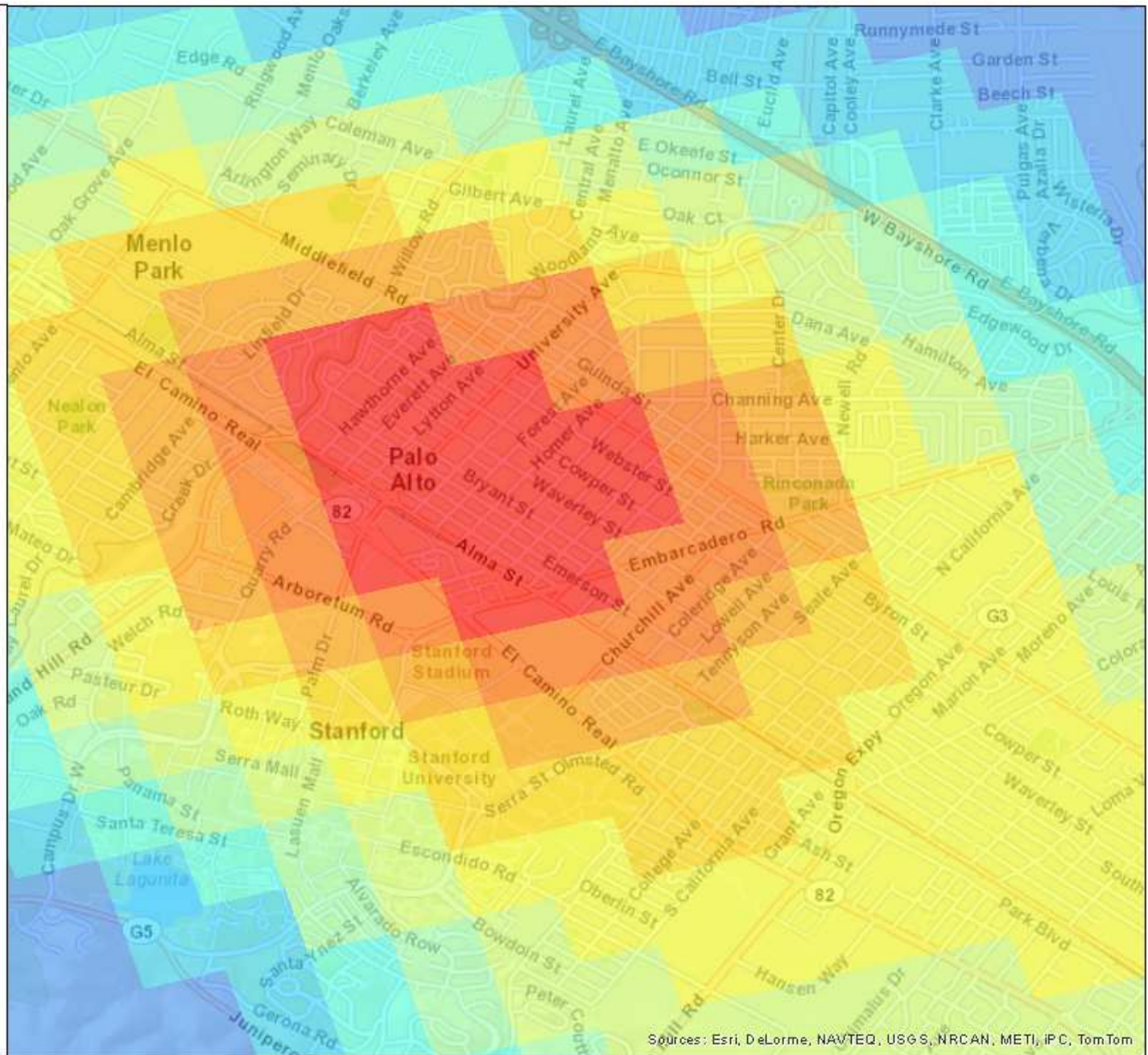


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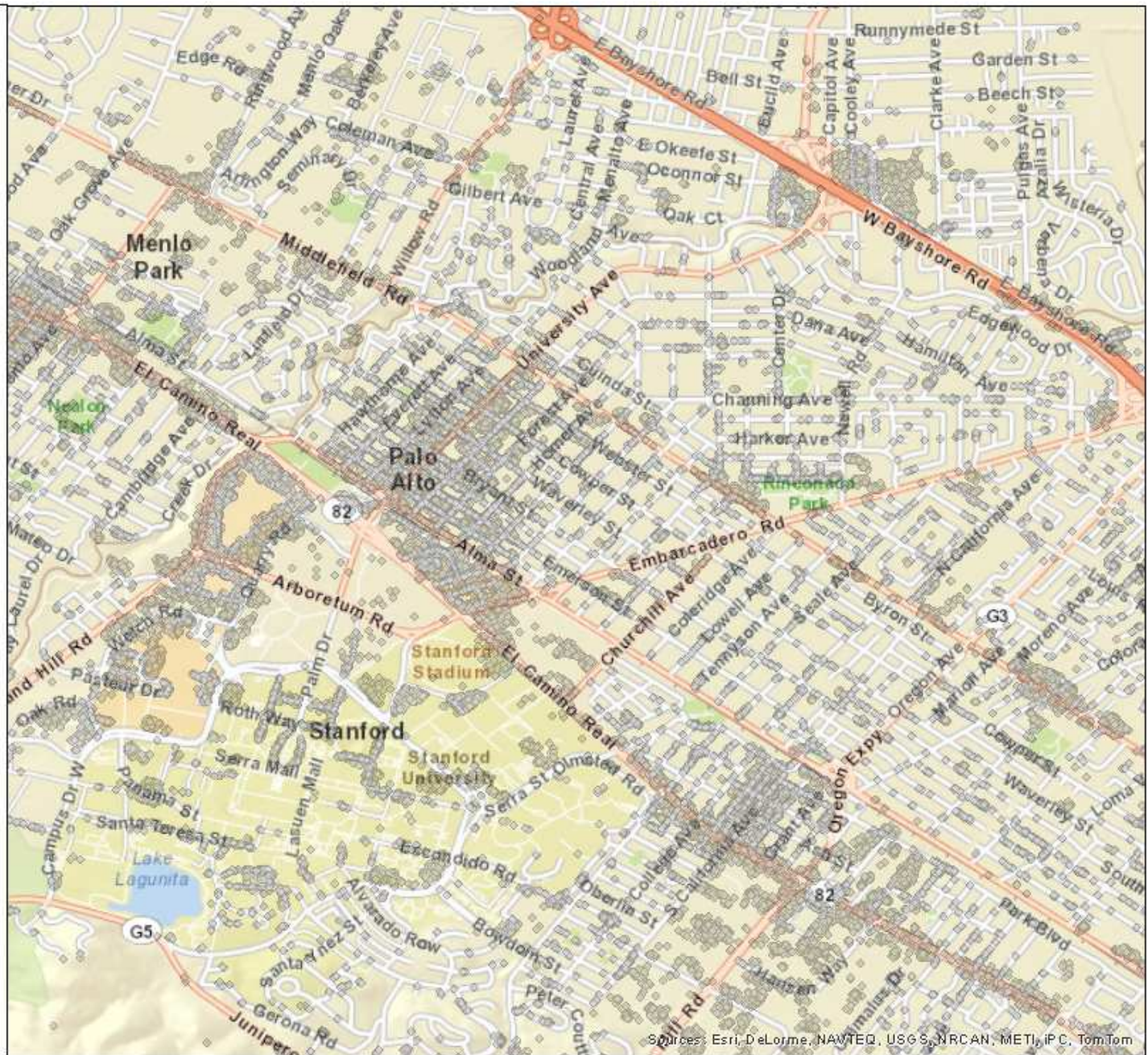
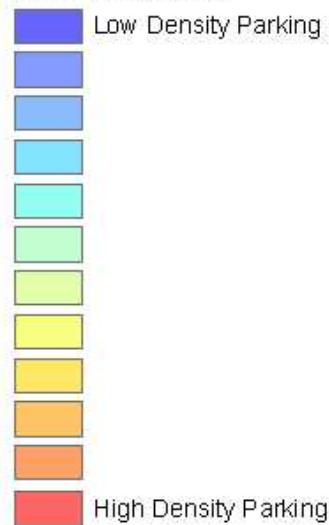
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







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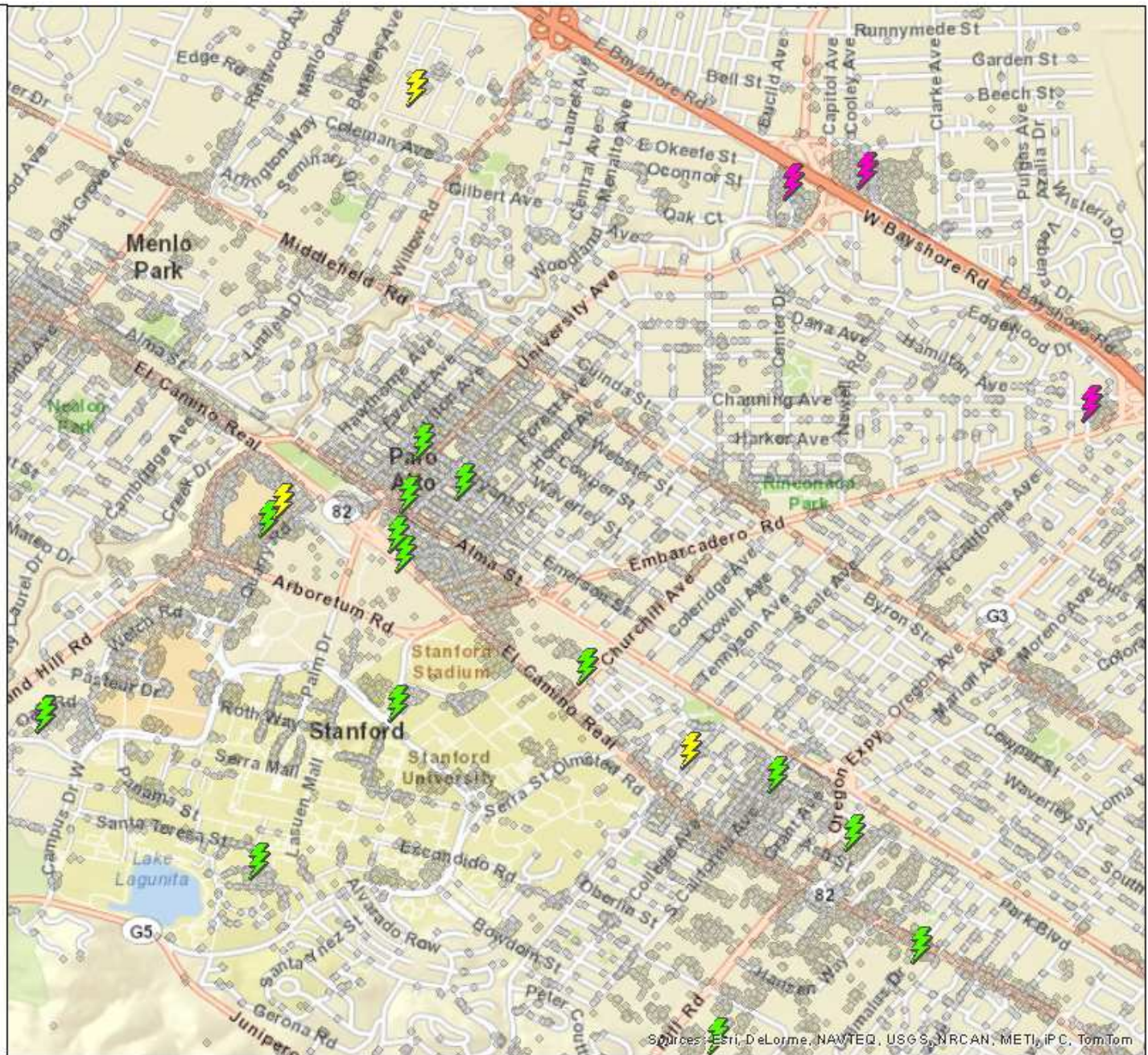


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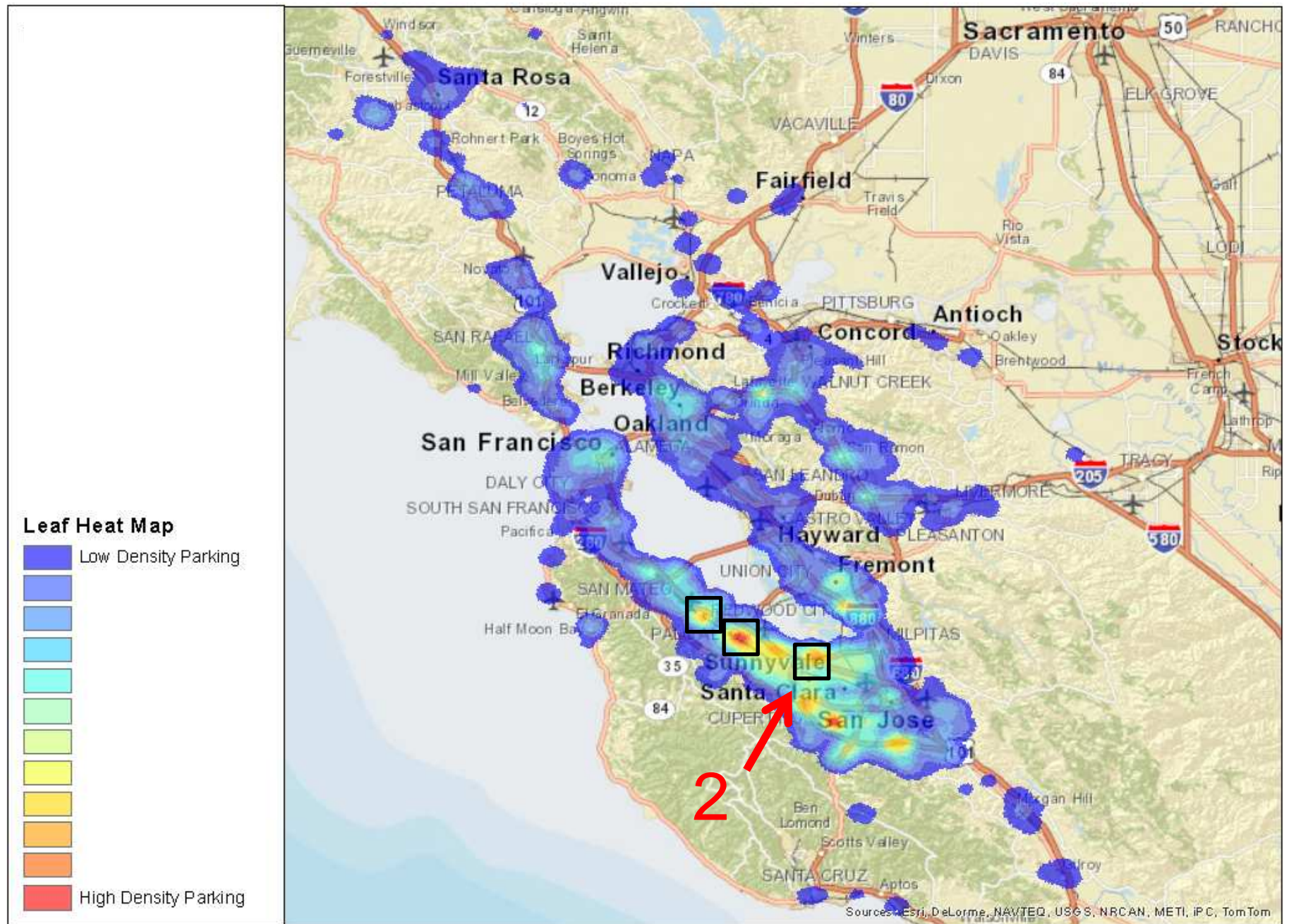
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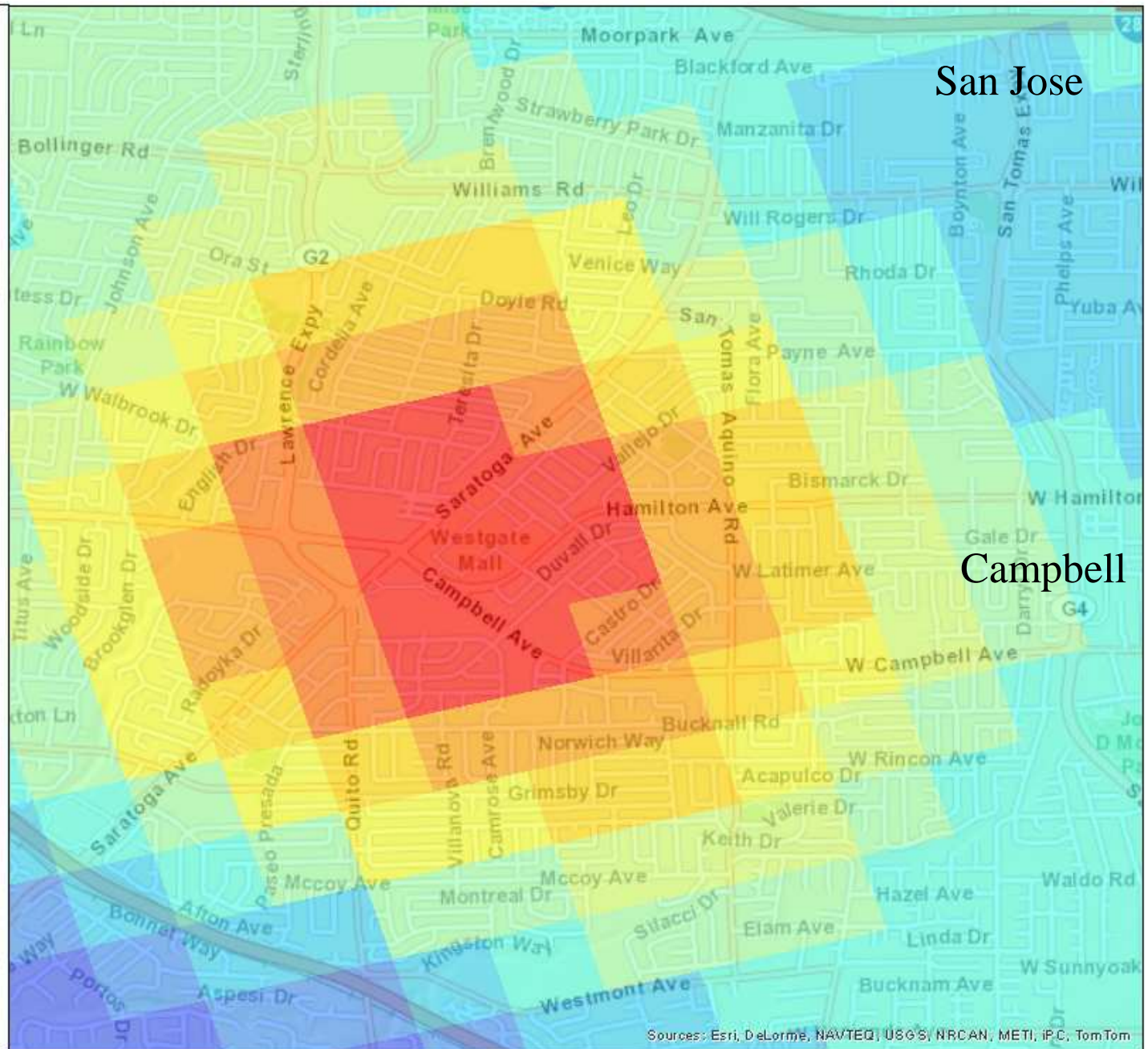




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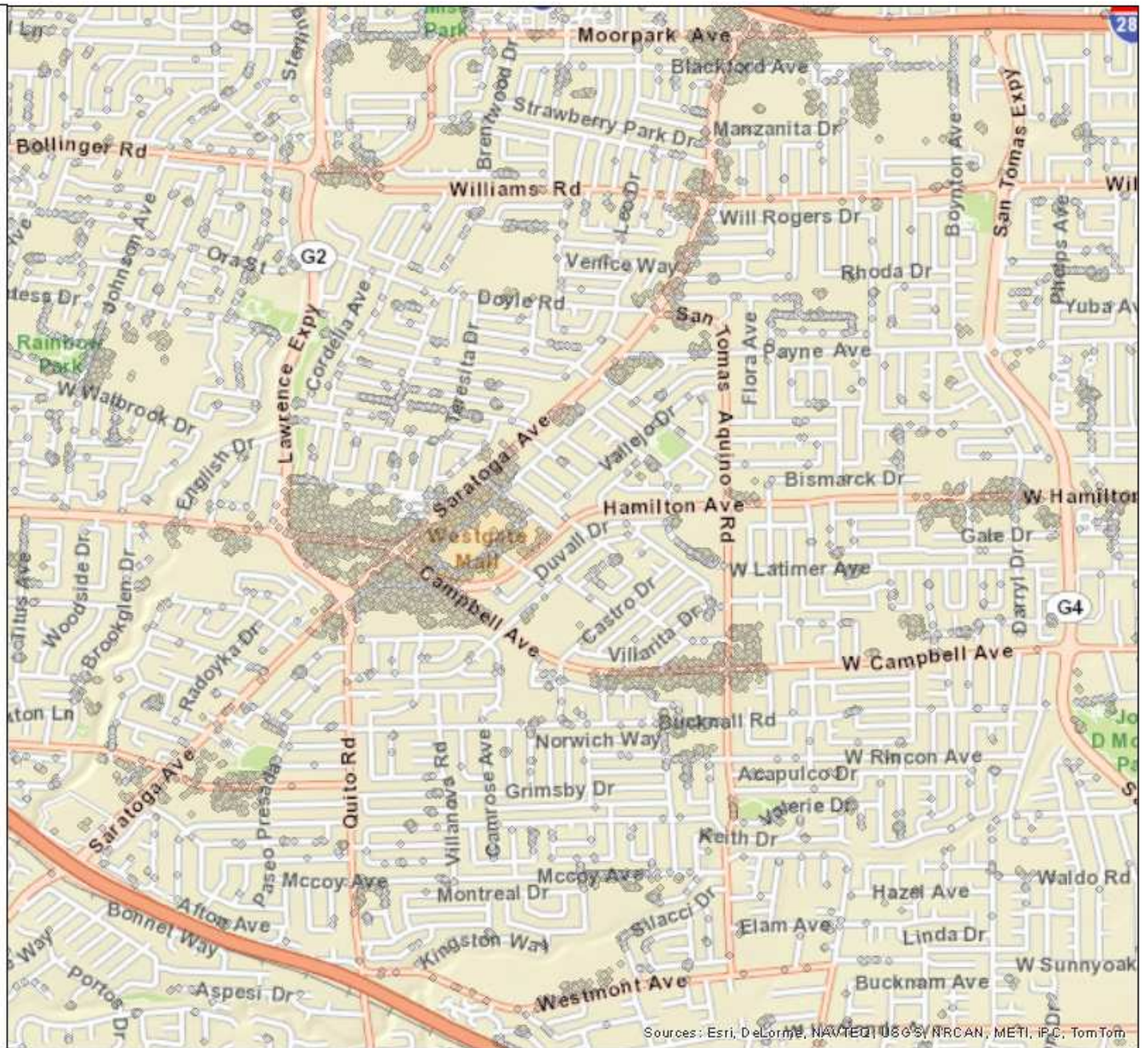
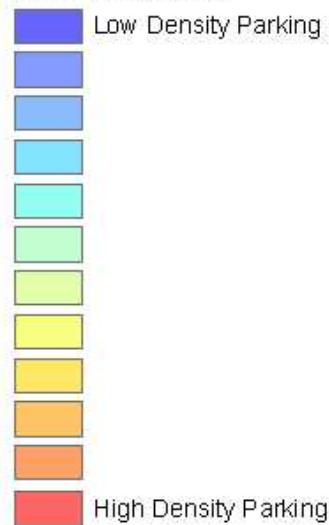
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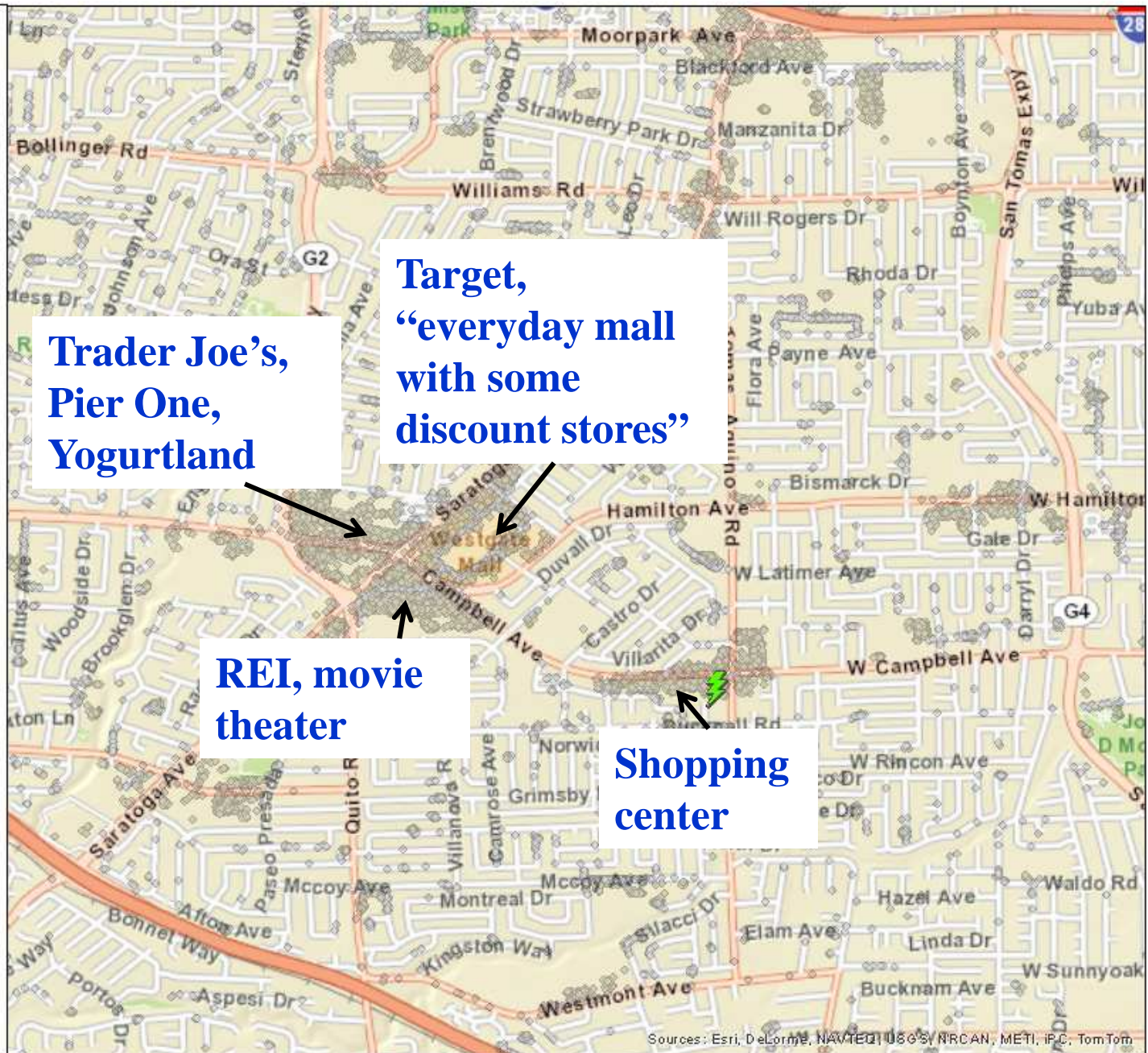


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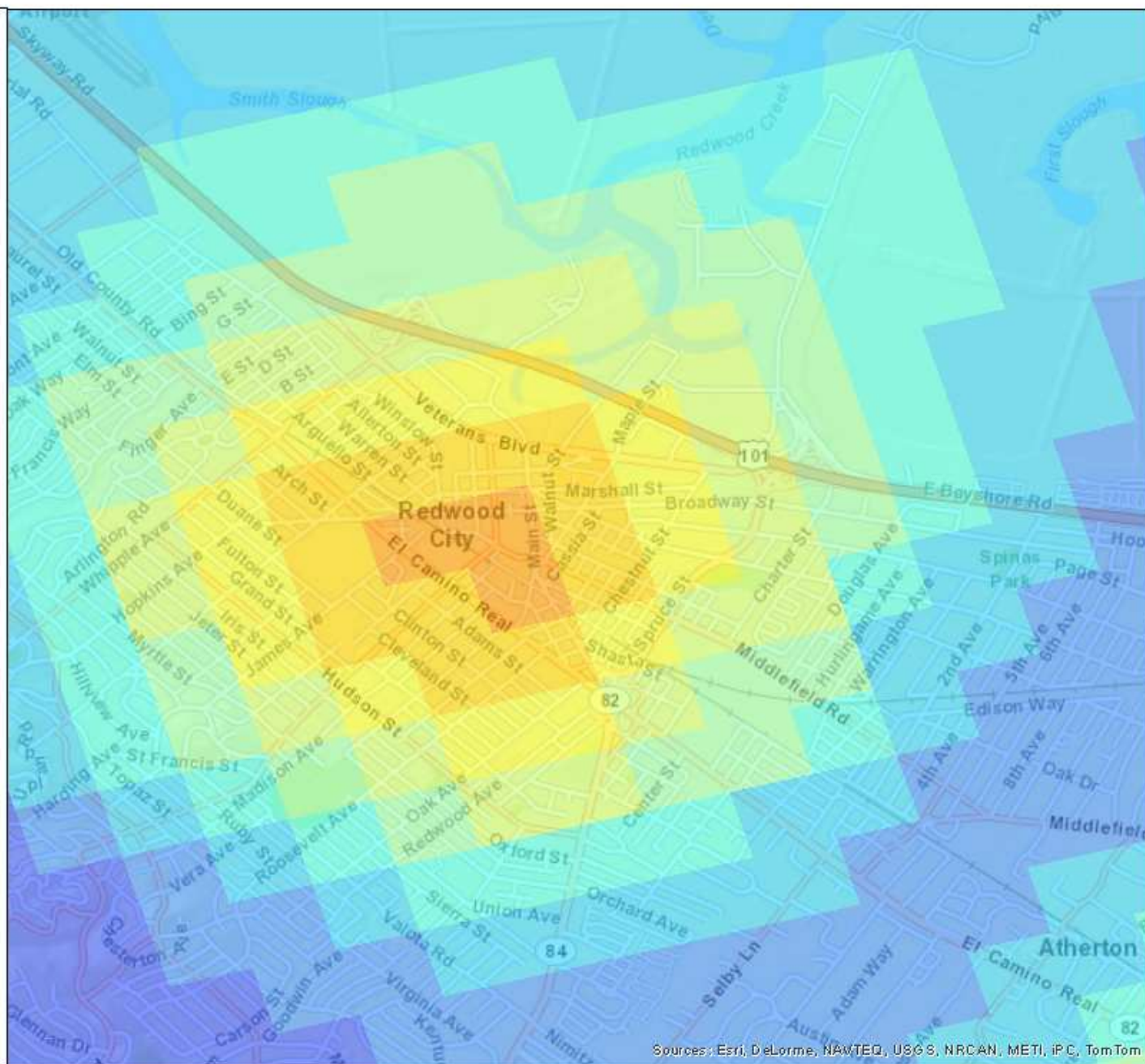
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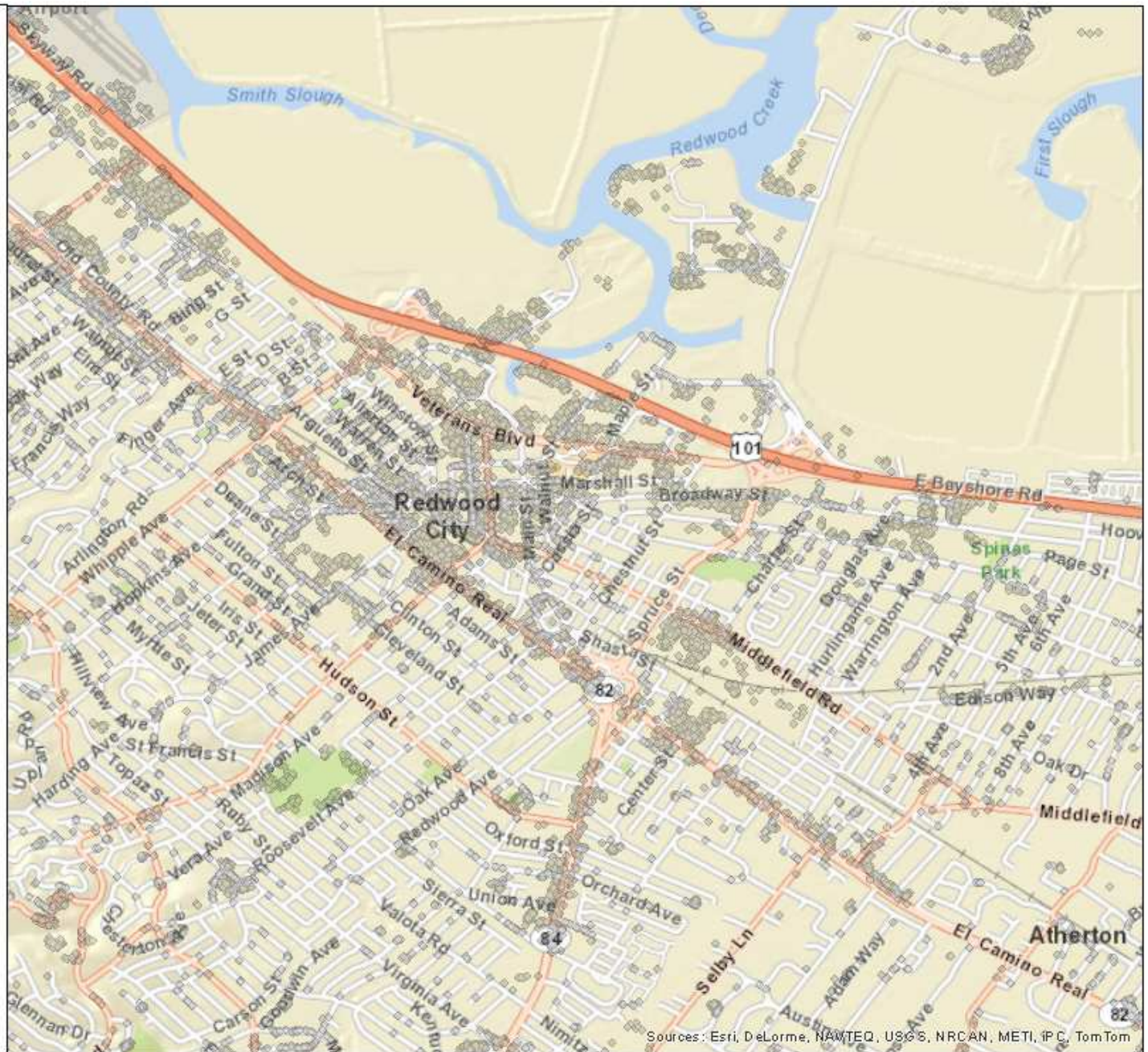
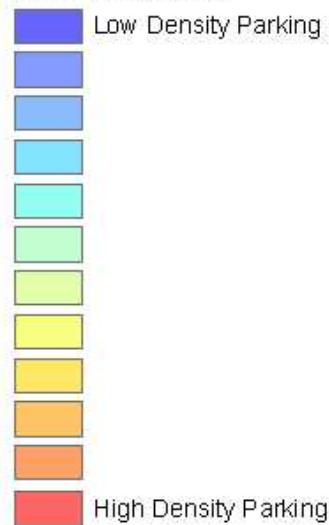
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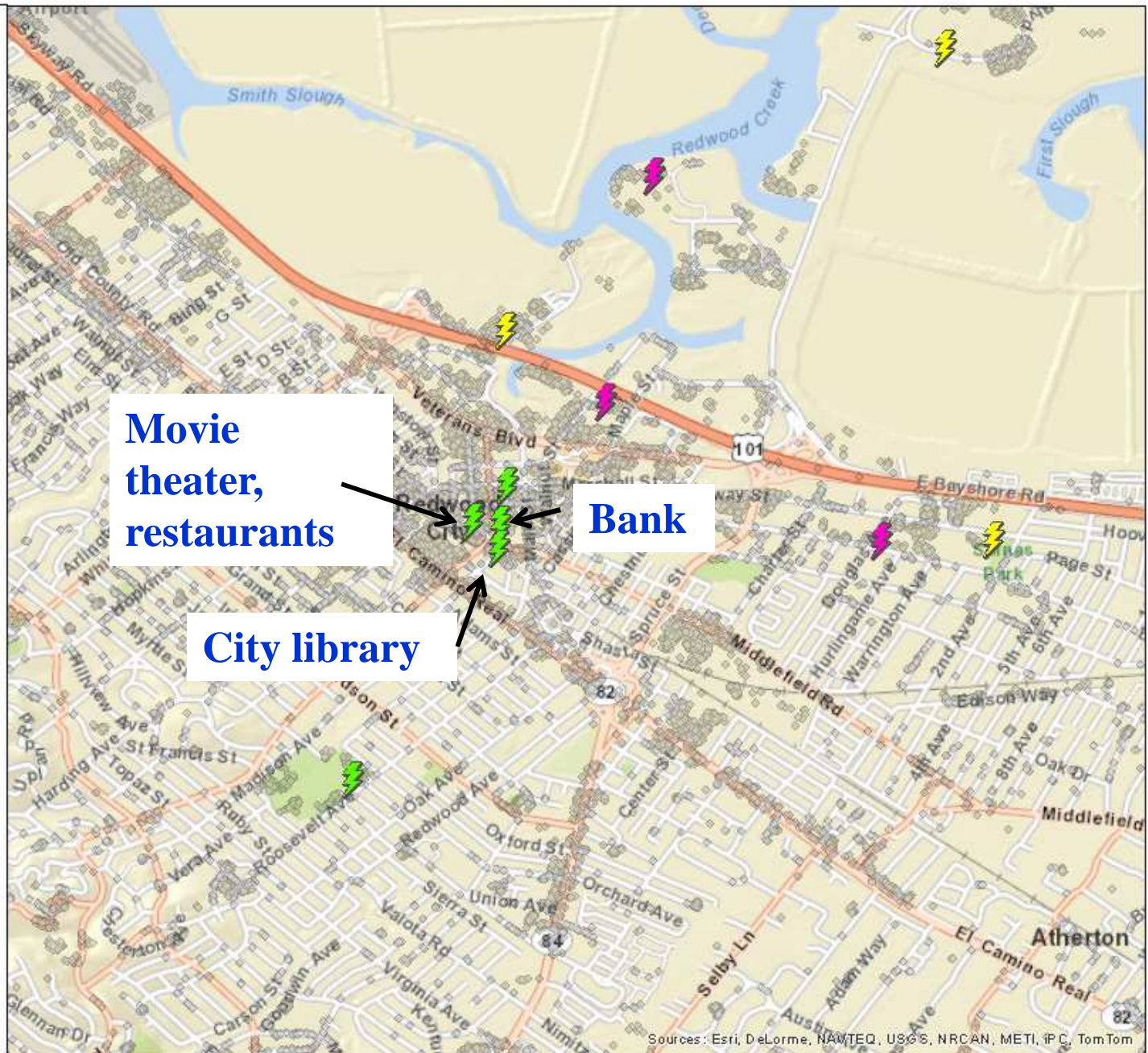


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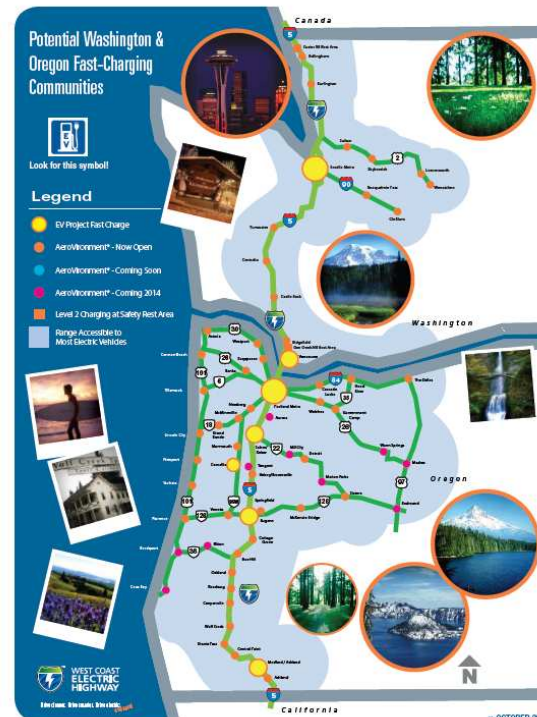
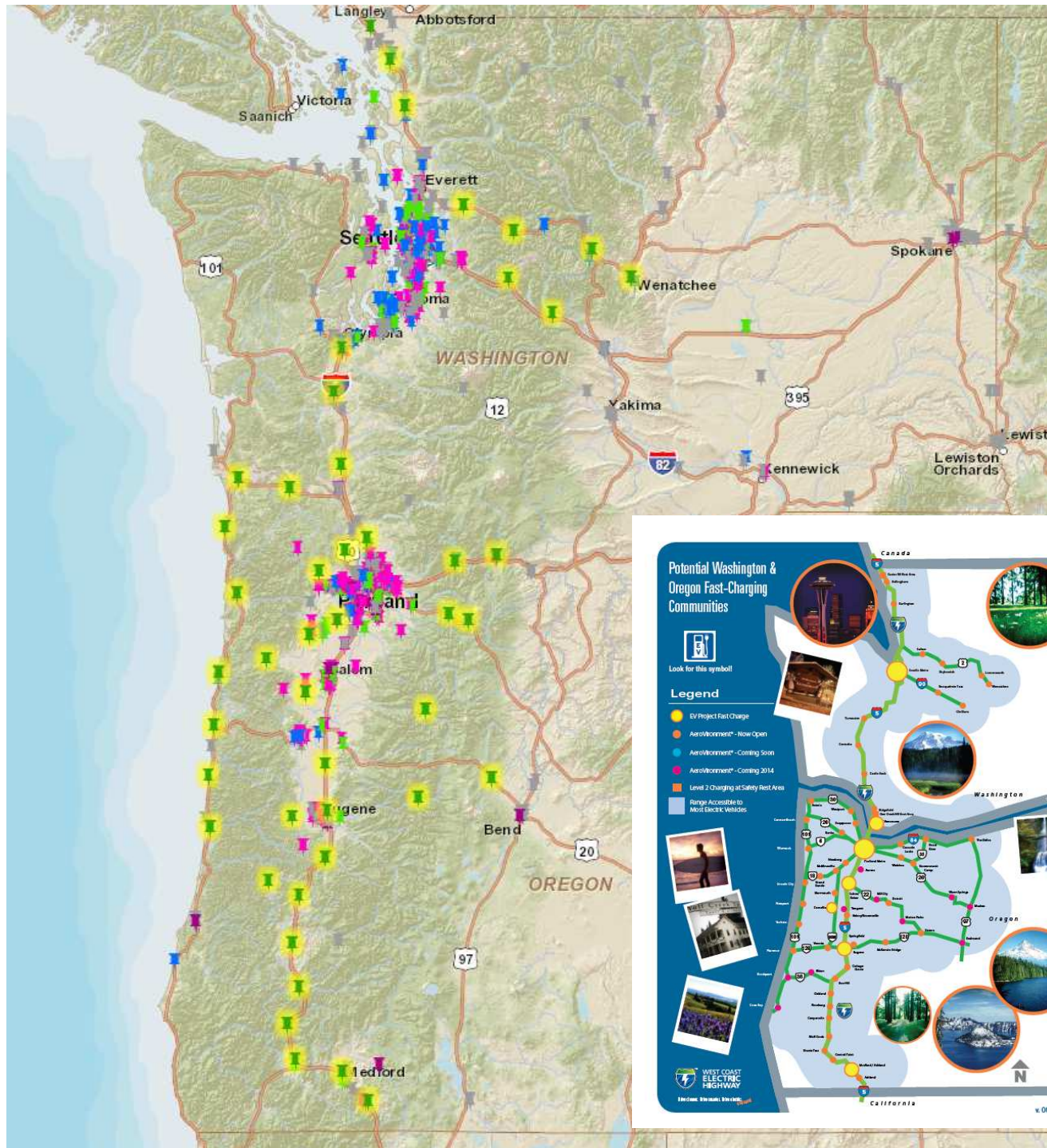








## AeroVironment DCFCs near the I-5 Corridor in OR & WA



- AV DCFCs highlighted in yellow
- Other publicly available EVSE sites in blue and purple

## ***Additional Information***

Published since last meeting:

- Leaf vs. Volt eVMT
- Workplace charging case study: Facebook Offices, Menlo Park

Publications coming soon:

- Leaf away-from-home infrastructure usage vs. eVMT
- Usage of public EVSE at different venue types
- Additional Workplace charging case studies and driver behavior
- PEV travel on the OR/WA I5 corridor
- EVSE installation costs

For all EV Project and ChargePoint America publications, visit

[avt.inl.gov/evproject.shtml](http://avt.inl.gov/evproject.shtml)  
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INL's funding for this work comes from DOE's Vehicle Technologies Office

# ***BACKGROUND INFO***

## ***Measures of “Goodness”***

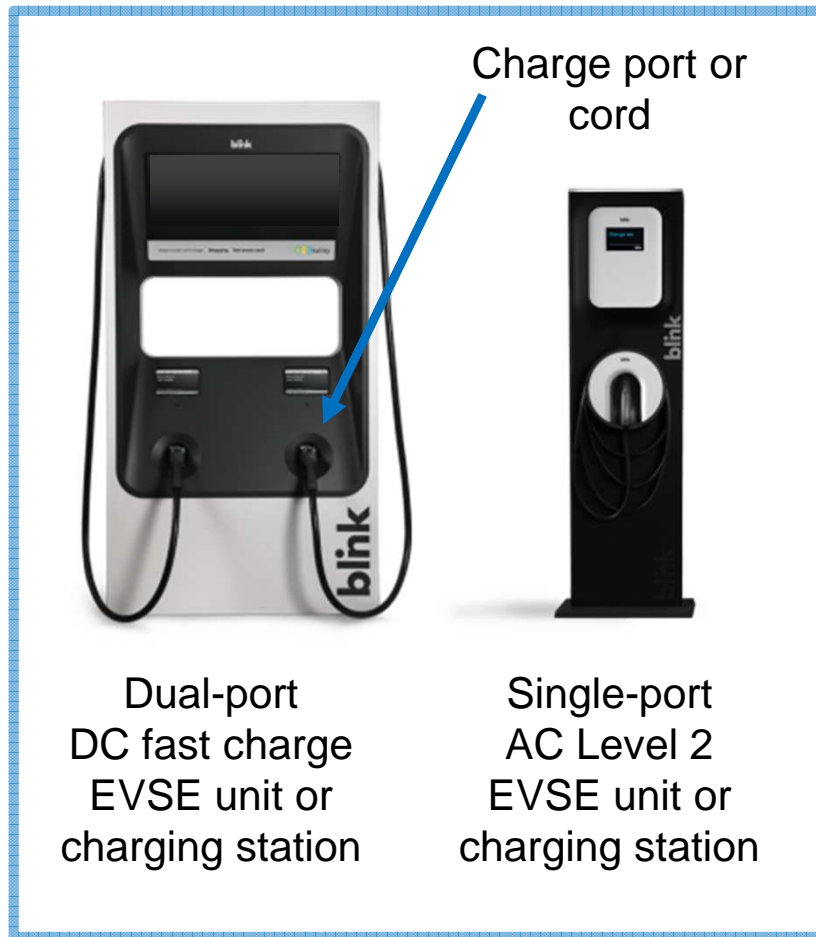
There are numerous ways to assess how “good” public charging sites are:

- Charging frequency: number of charge events per day or week
- Charging time: hours connected
- Charging energy: kWh consumed / EV miles provided
- Parking time: time spent in parking space / in store
- Charging site host may want electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) for other reasons, such as image or cool factor
- etc.

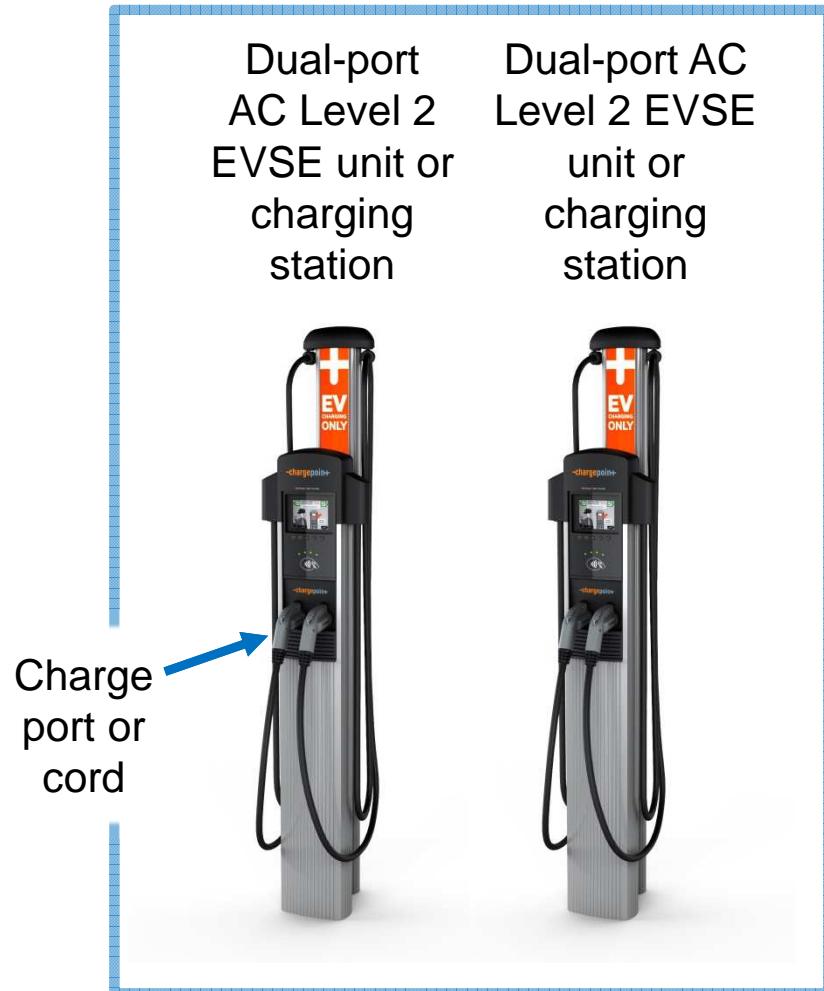


# Terminology

Charging site



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## ***Public EVSE Usage Fees***

### Blink usage fees

- Public AC Level 2 fees started Jul – Aug 2012
  - Varies from \$1.00 to \$2.00 **per hour connected**
  - 16% of sites were still free as of Dec 31, 2013 (per local site host discretion)
- DC Fast Charger fees started Jul 2013
  - \$5 for Blink member / \$8 for non-member **per session**

### ChargePoint usage fees

- Vary by site (per local site host discretion)
- Many are free

## Charging Site Location Considerations

- EVSE installations with respect to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements are not consistent

“Charger is between 2 handicap spaces. To charge and not get ticketed you need to park behind the charger in any of 3 spaces closest to the elevator / entrance in non EV dedicated spots. Good Luck.”

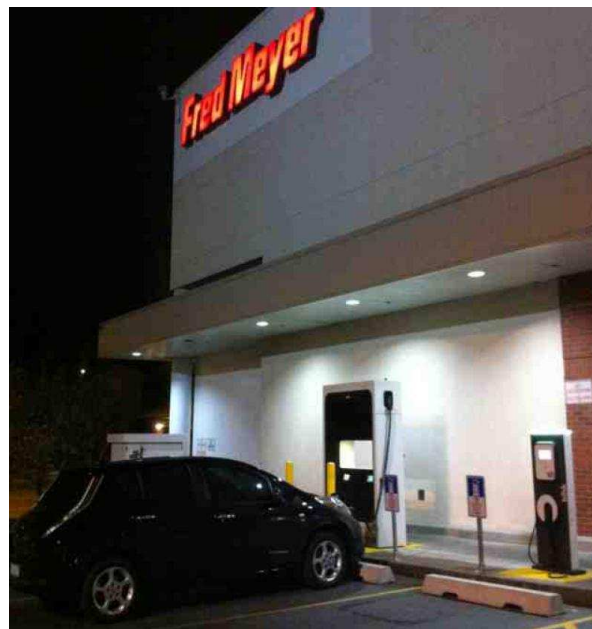
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- Parking lot or garage may have
  - limited hours of operation
  - parking fees
  - restricted access



## Charging Site Location Considerations

- Parking spaces in front of charging units may not always be accessible
  - Construction
  - Non-electric vehicle in parking spot (“you’ve been ICE’d”)
  - Electric vehicles in parking spots but not charging



Fred Meyer in  
Seattle, WA

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## Charging Site Location Considerations

- Charging unit maintenance and reliability is a big factor

“Both sides [of the DC fast charger] and level 2 not working. Had no electrics left. AAA couldn't send out the EV rescue truck because according to them they didn't have a tech trained to use it on hand. I ended up towing my car home. Not a good night.”

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